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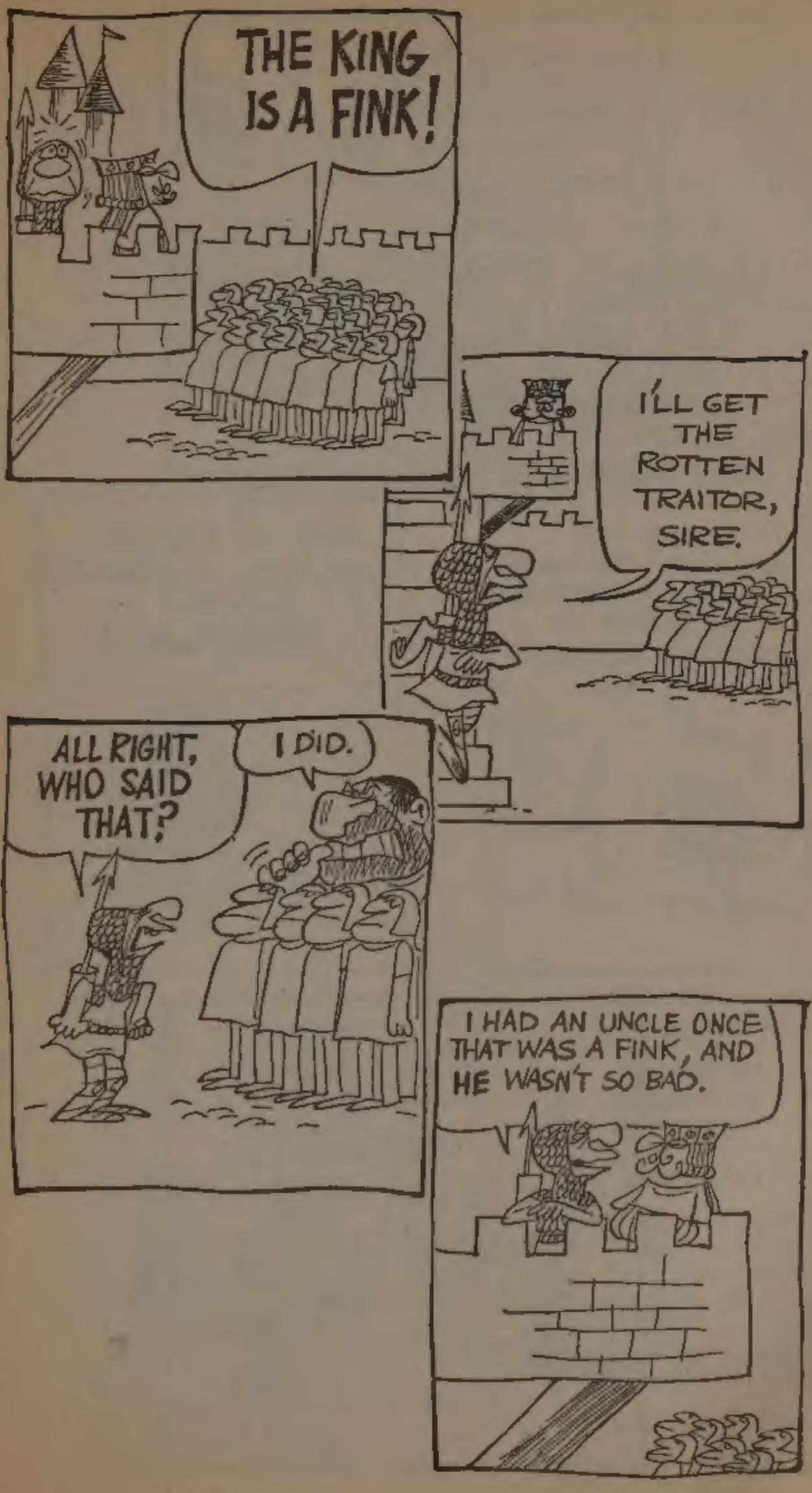
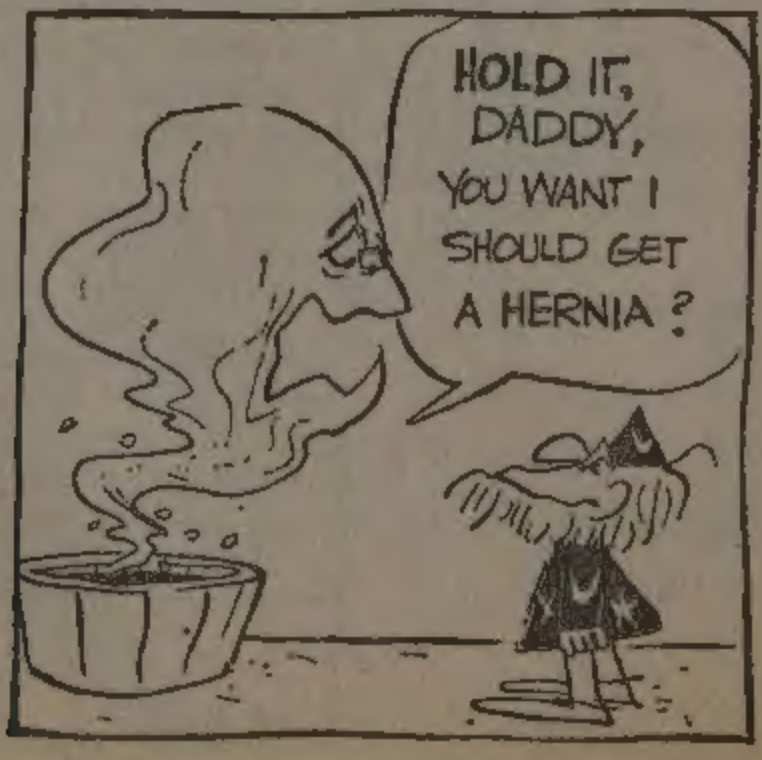

THE KING IS A FINK!
I'LL GET THE ROTTEN TRAITOR, SIRE.
ALL RIGHT, WHO SAID THAT?
I DID.
I HAD AN UNCLE ONCE THAT WAS A FINK, AND HE WASN'T SO BAD.

I NEED SUNSHINE FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS. TAKE CARE OF IT, WILL YOU?

I'LL GIVE HIM SUNSHINE... SUNSHINE MIXED WITH HAILSTONES ... HAILSTONES AS BIG AS ROCKS!

... BIG AS WATER-MELONS... HAILSTONES BIG AS CASTLES!


HOLD IT, DADDY, YOU WANT I SHOULD GET A HERNIA?

SIRE, THE MOAT MONSTERS ARE STARVING!
OH, MY GOODNESS.

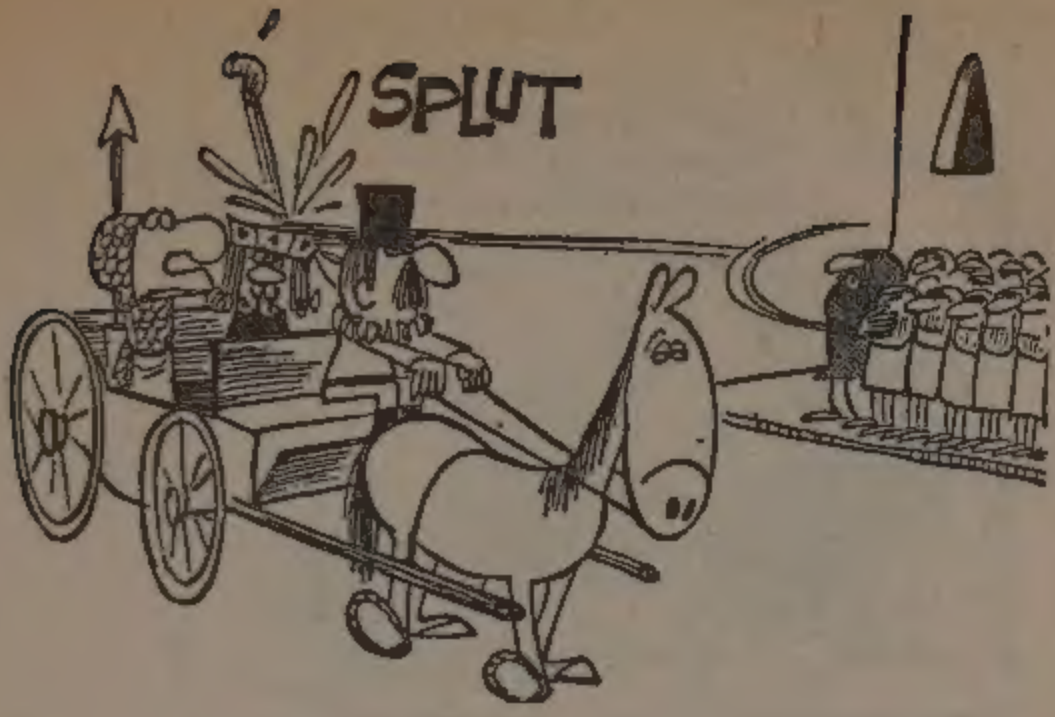
SIRE!

...THE PEASANTS ARE WITHOUT WATER!
WE MAY BE ABLE TO WORK THIS OUT YET.

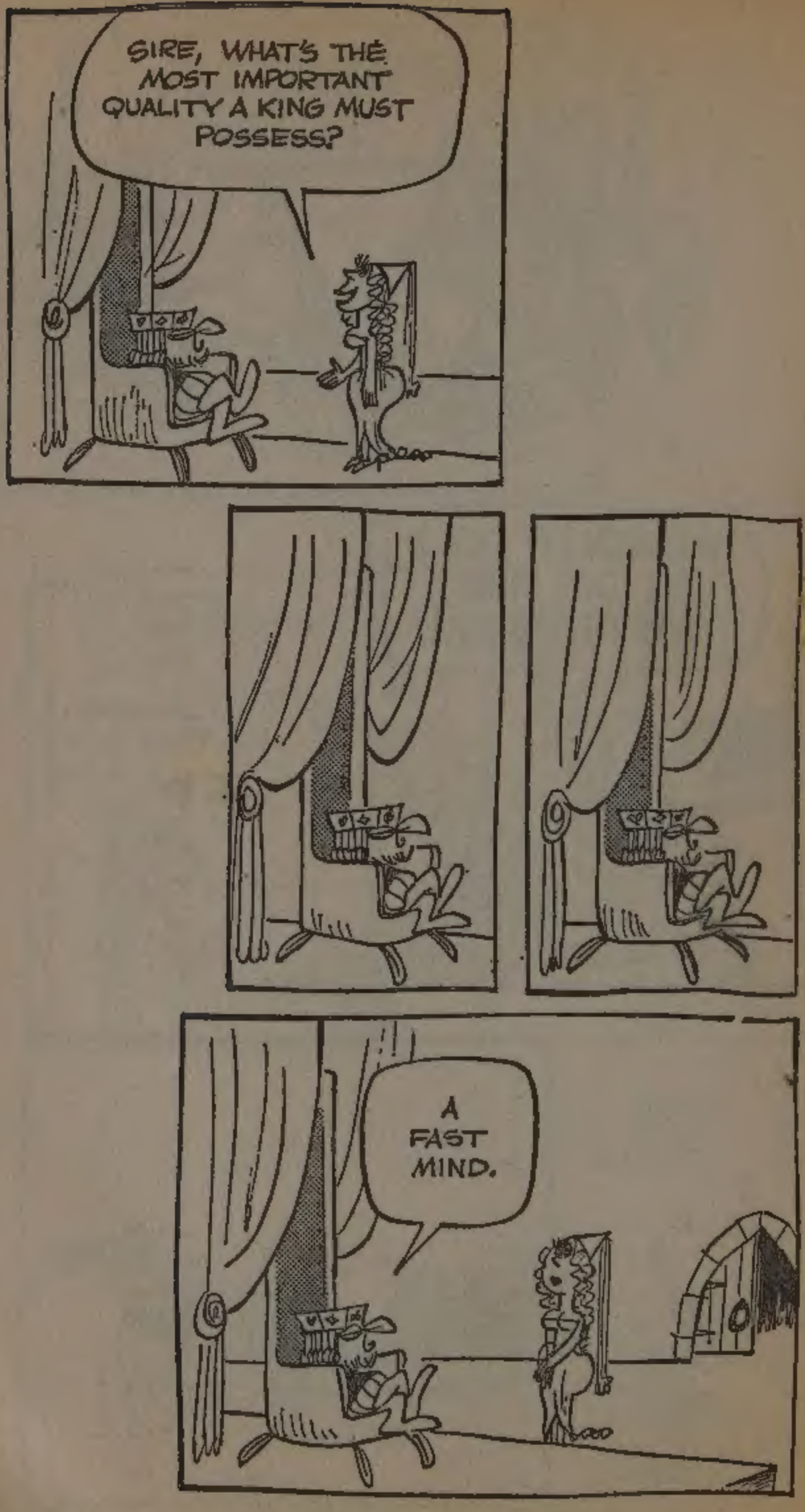
DO YOU HAVE A POTION THAT WILL MAKE RODNEY NOTICE ME?
CERTAINLY.

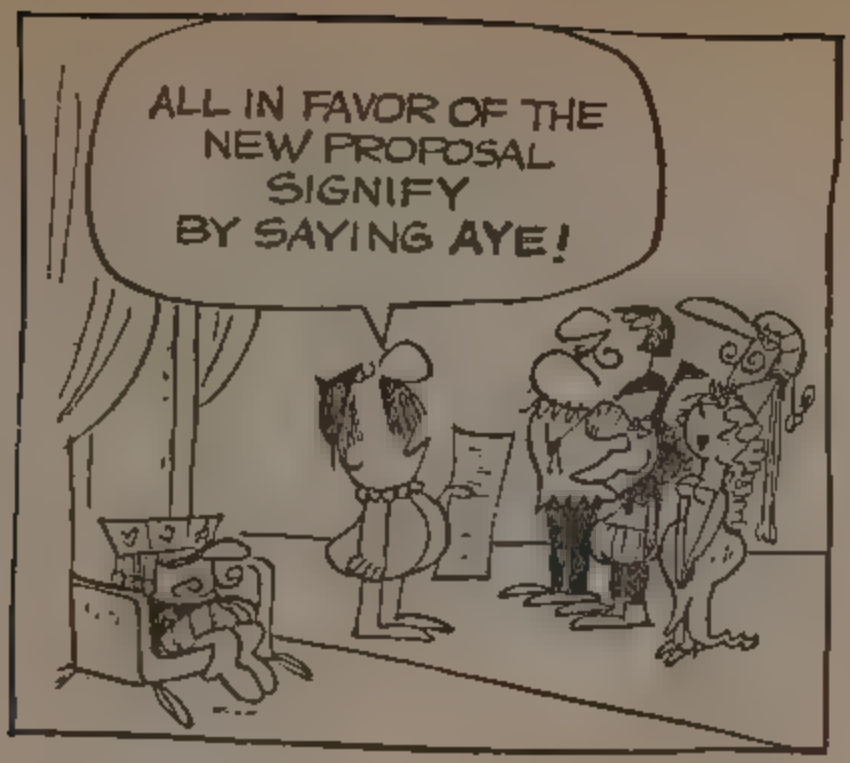
HERE, DRINK THIS.
WHAT DOES IT DO?

IT TURNS YOU INTO A DRAGON.


SPLUT

A POUCH OF GOLD TO THE MAN THAT STOPS HIM!


SIRE, WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT QUALITY A KING MUST POSSESS?
A FAST MIND.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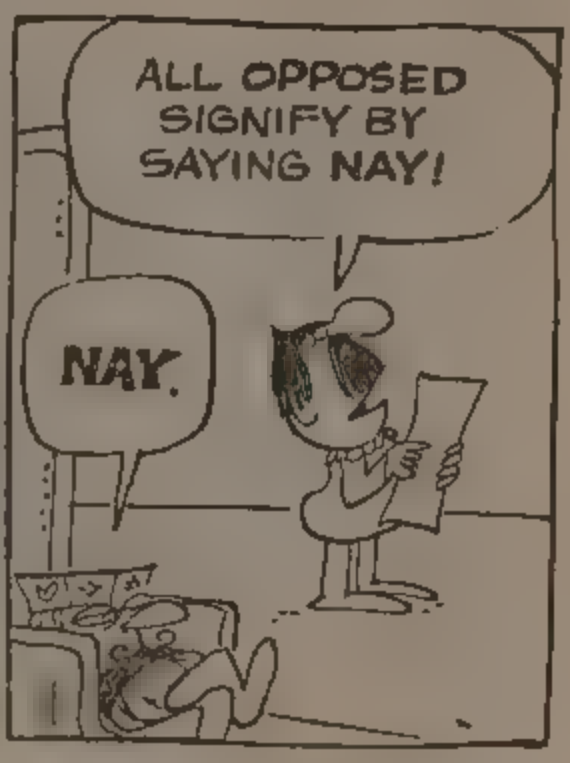
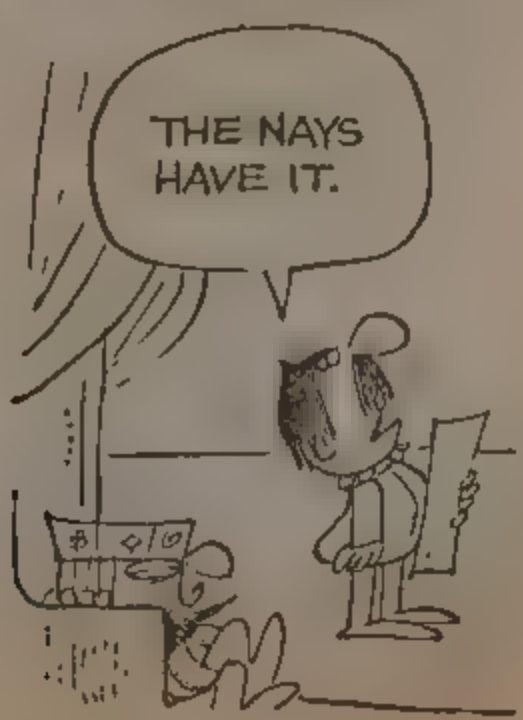
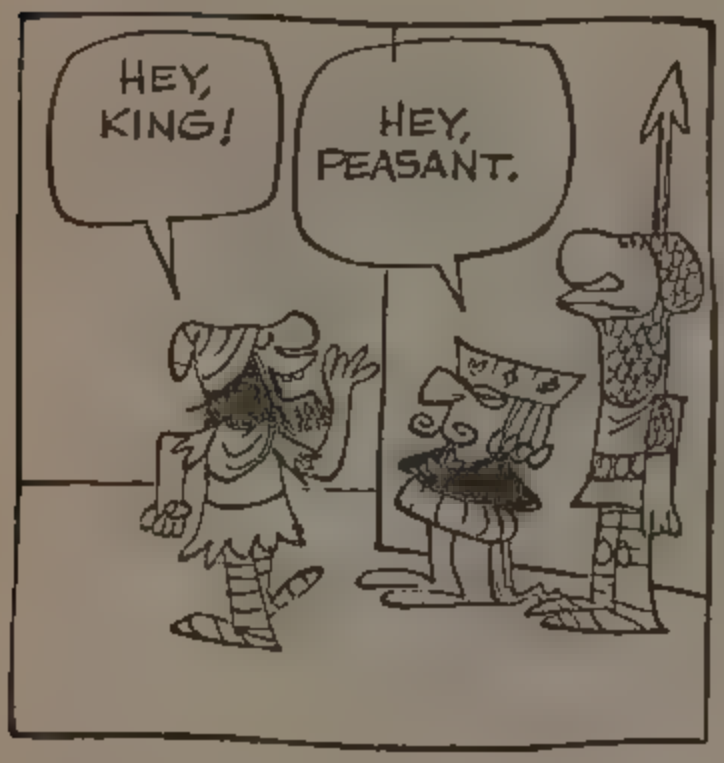
AYE!

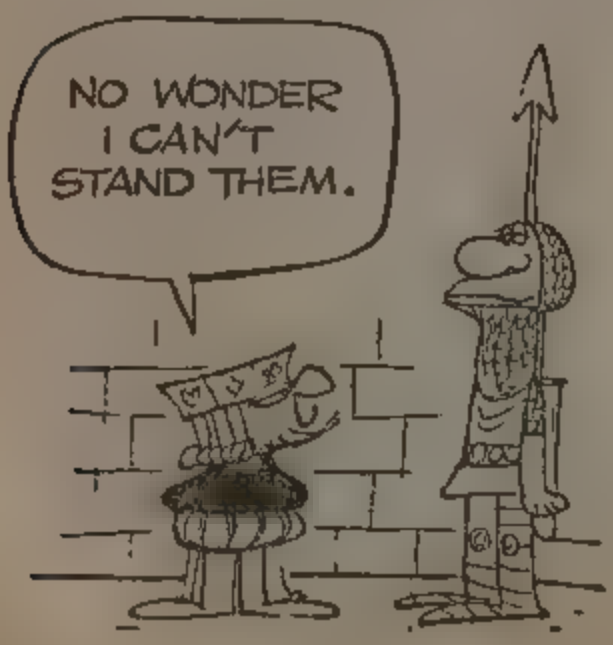

ALL OPPOSED SIGNIFY BY SAYING NAY!
NAY.

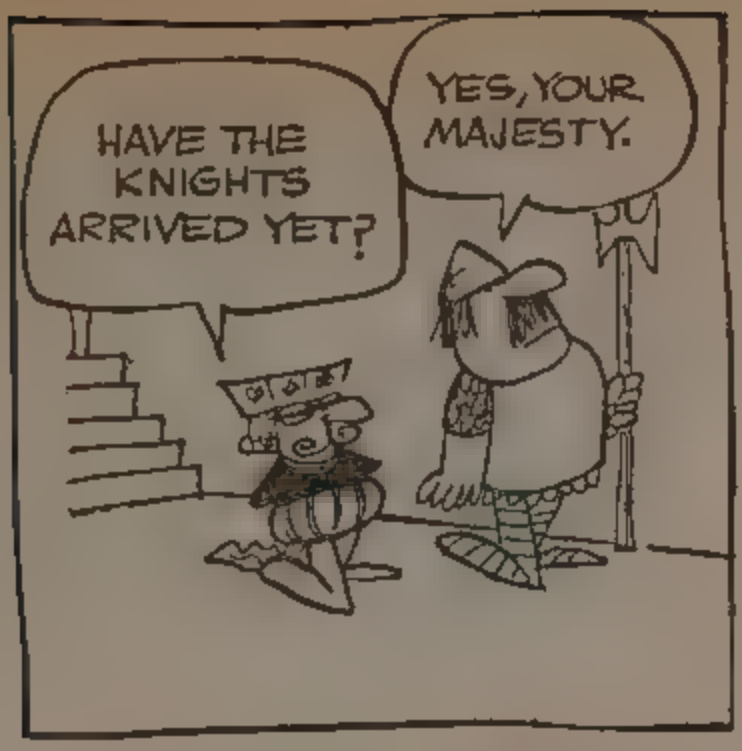

THE NAYS HAVE IT.

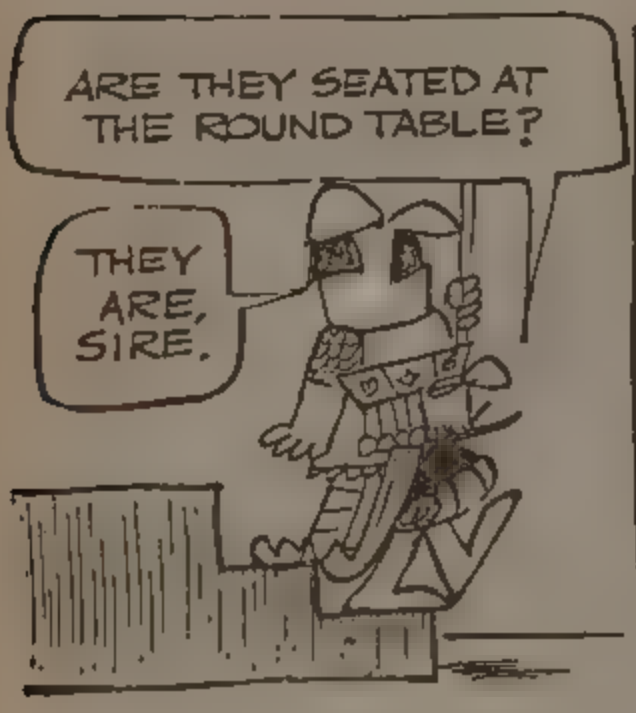
HI, KING!
HI, PEASANT.


HEY, KING!
HEY, PEASANT.

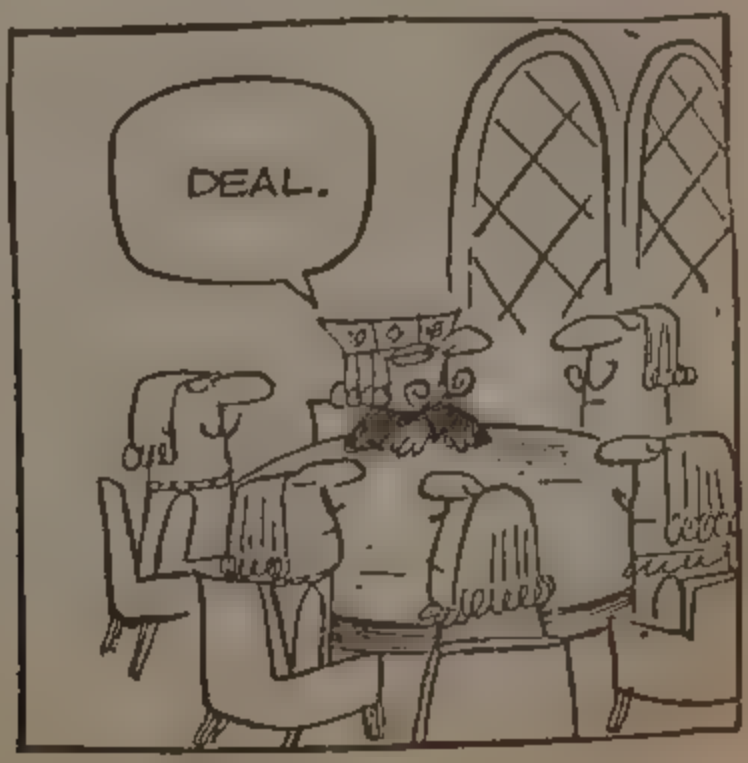
DO YOU REALIZE FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT?


NO WONDER I CAN'T STAND THEM.


HAVE THE KNIGHTS ARRIVED YET?
YES, YOUR MAJESTY.


ARE THEY SEATED AT THE ROUND TABLE?
THEY ARE, SIRE.

OKAY, KNIGHTS, LET'S GET DOWN TO THE BUSINESS AT HAND.

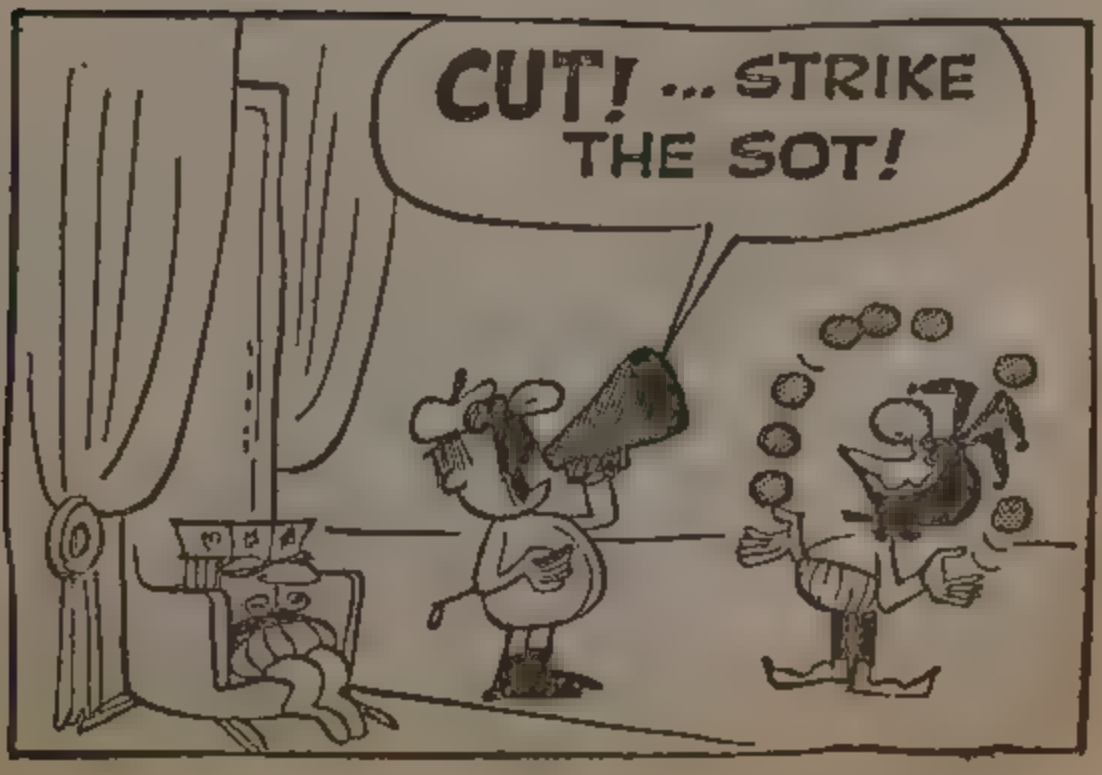

DEAL.

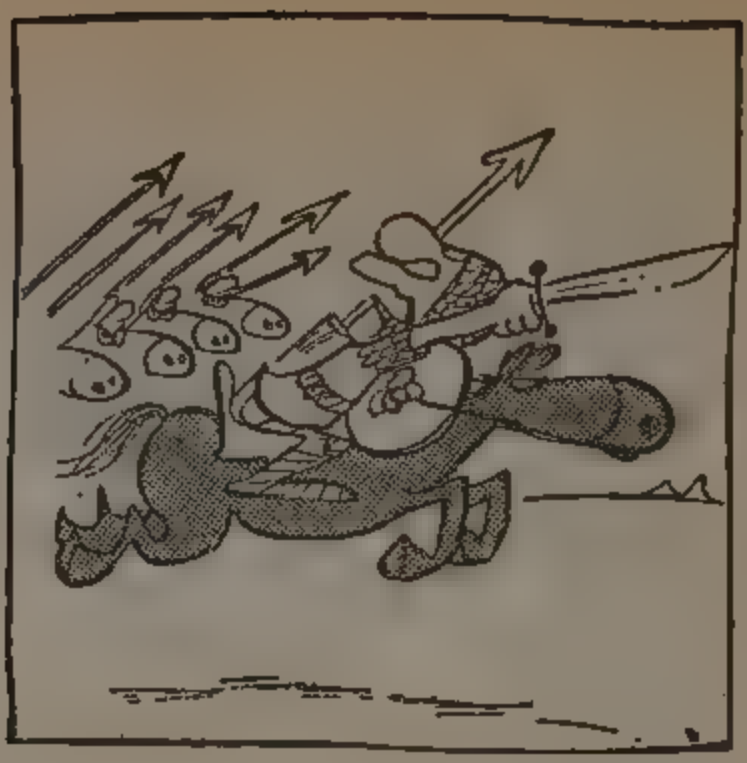
I WISH I WAS A THOUSAND MILES FROM THIS STUPID PLACE.

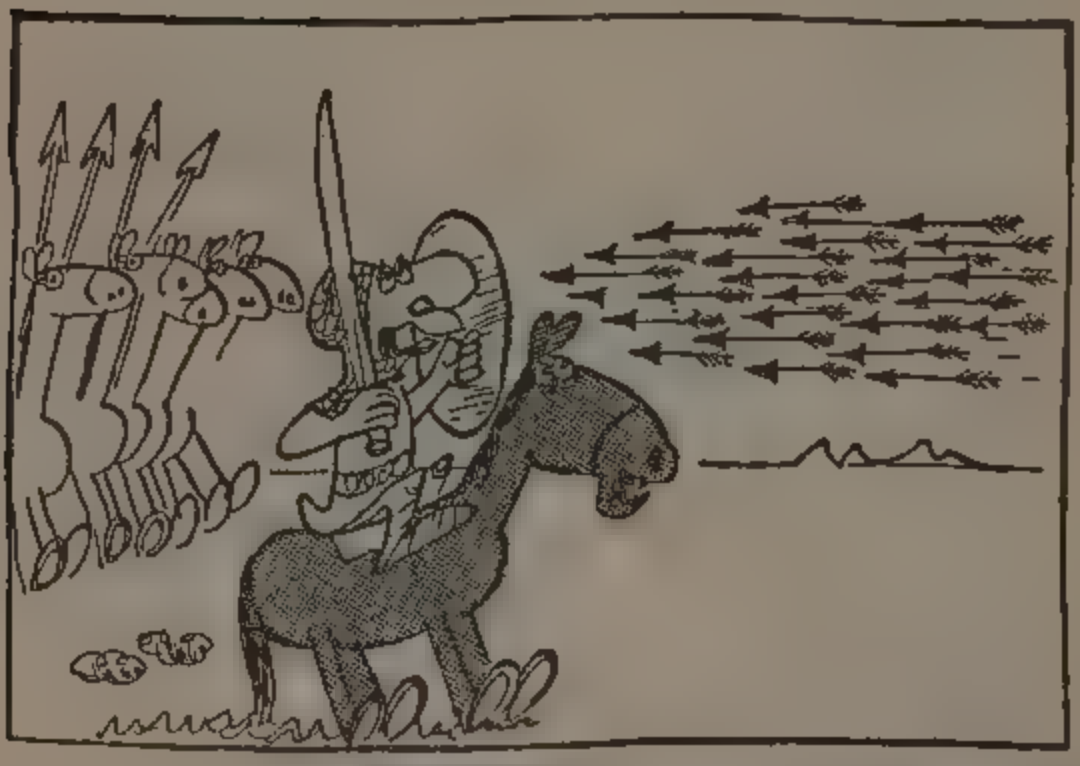
KAZAM

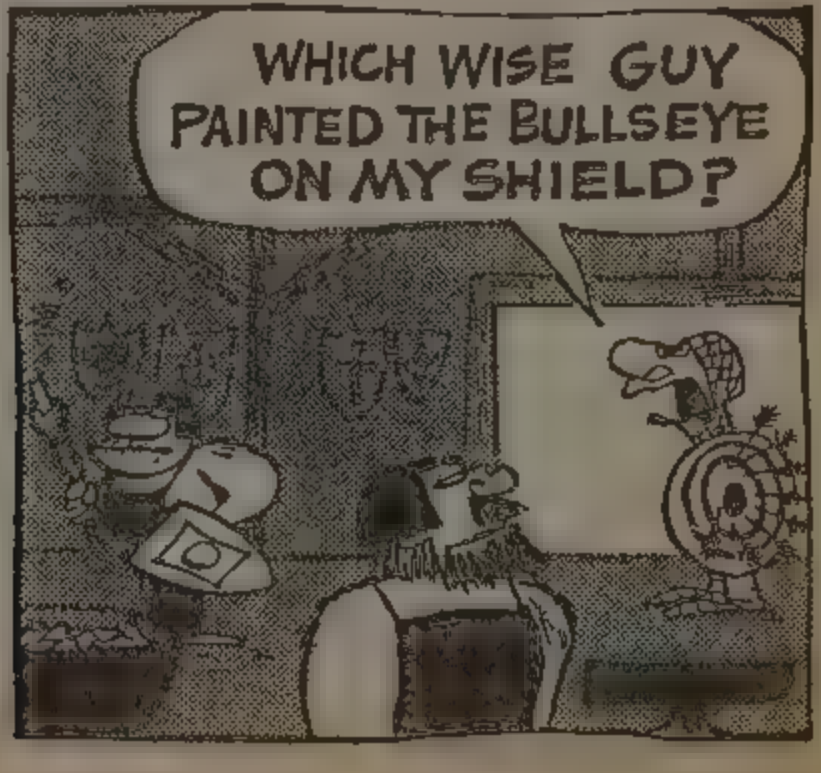
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO TAKE TODAY OFF.

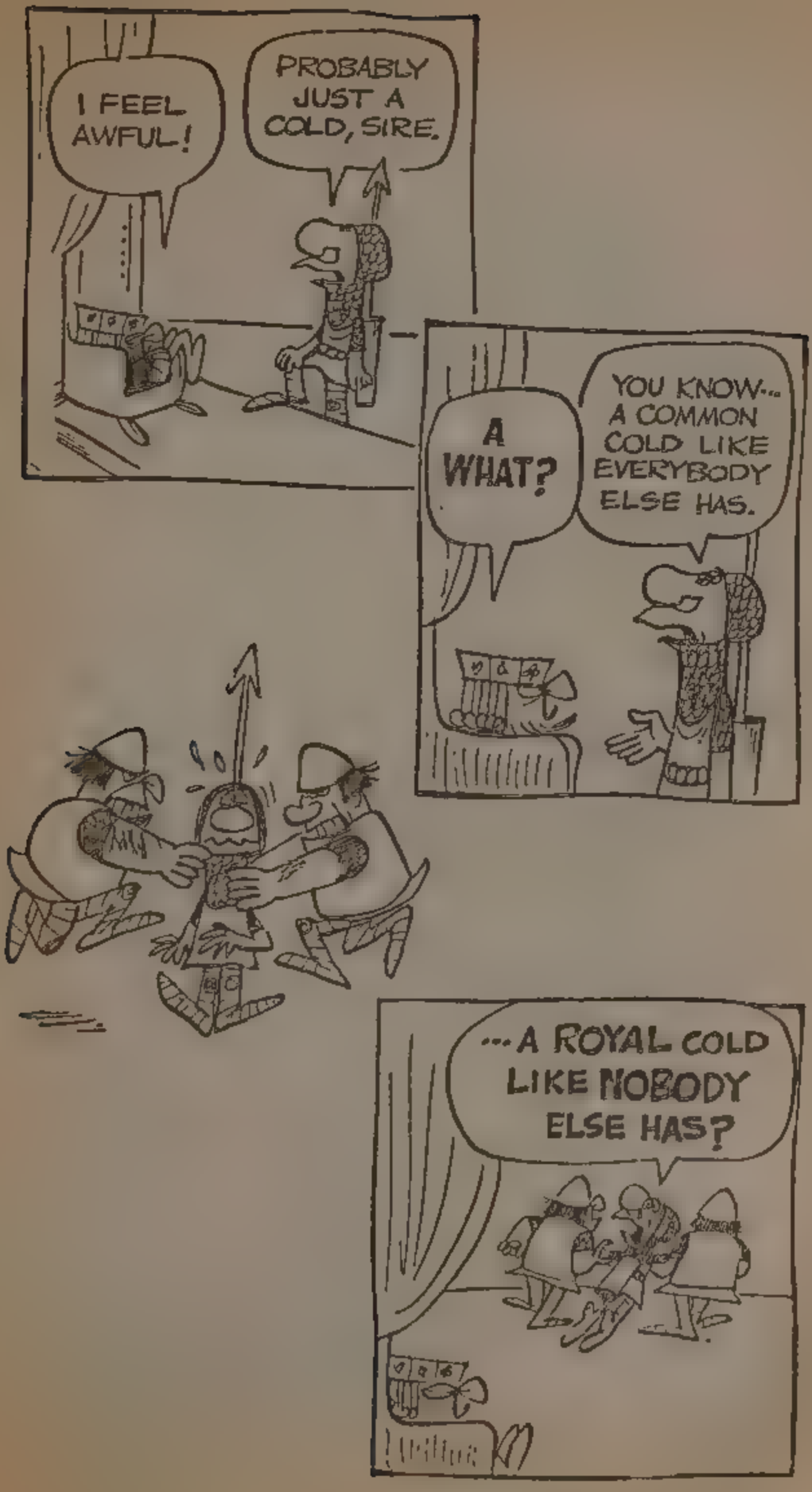
THAT'S ENOUGH.


CUT! ... STRIKE THE SOT!

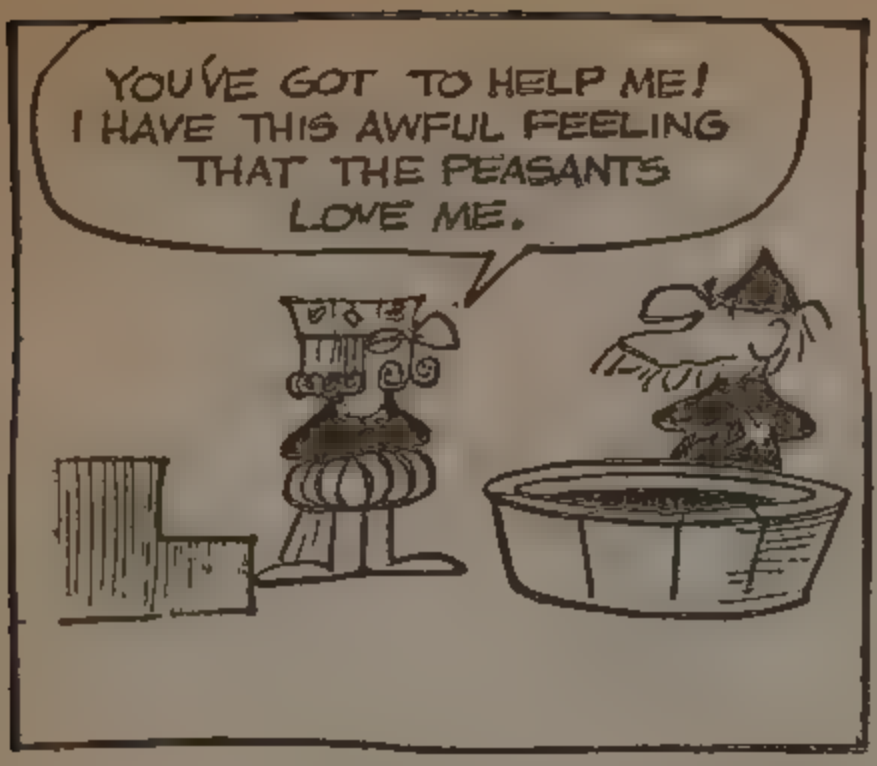




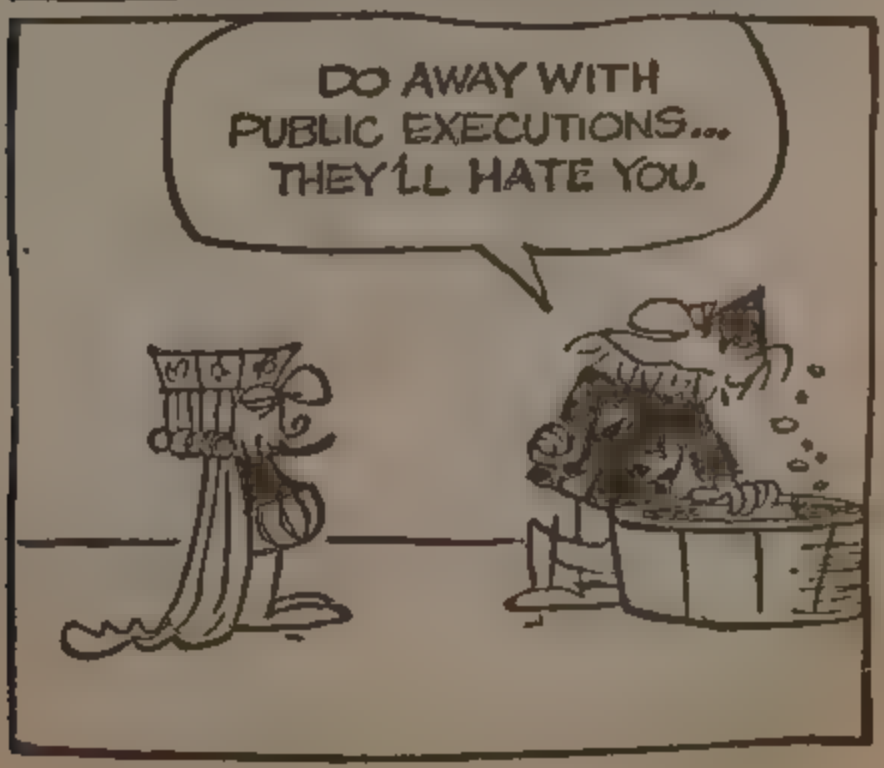

WHICH WISE GUY PAINTED THE BULLSEYE ON MY SHIELD?

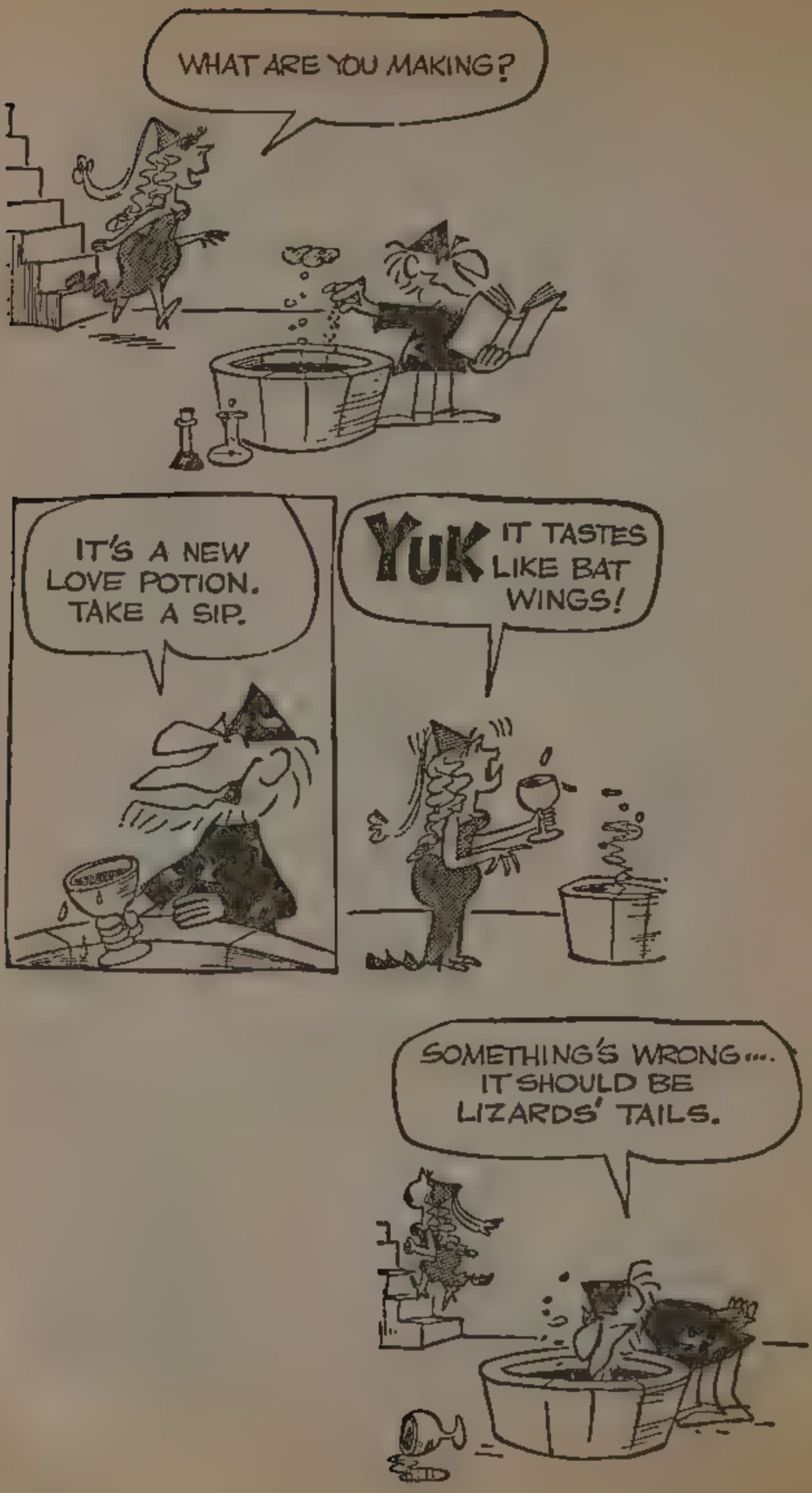

I FEEL AWFUL!
PROBABLY JUST A COLD, SIRE.
A WHAT?
YOU KNOW... A COMMON COLD LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE HAS.
...A ROYAL COLD LIKE NOBODY ELSE HAS?

EUREKA!... I'VE FOUND IT!
...A MATERIAL STRONGER THAN ARMOR.
WHAT IS IT?
CRABGRASS.

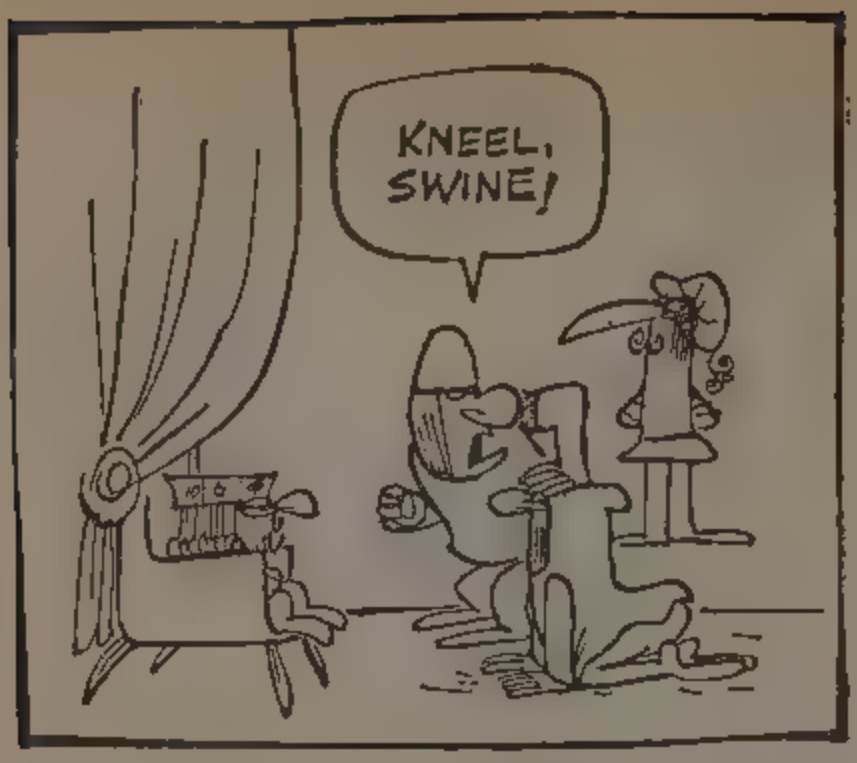

YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME! I HAVE THIS AWFUL FEELING THAT THE PEASANTS LOVE ME.

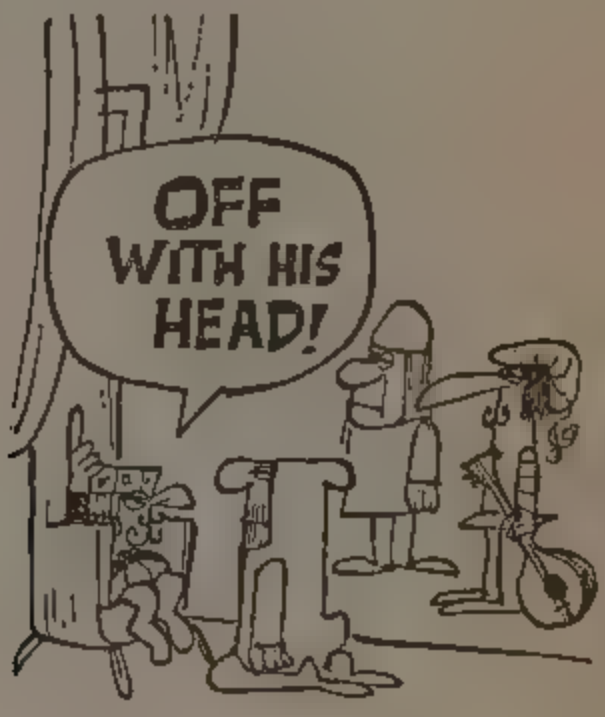
HOW CAN I BE A SELF-RESPECTING DESPOT IF THE PEASANTS LOVE ME? WHAT CAN I DO?

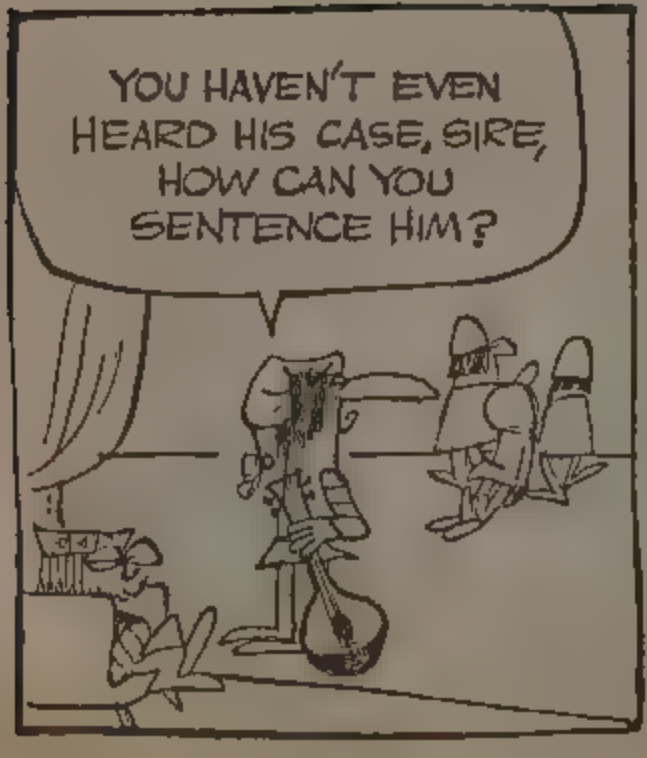

DO AWAY WITH PUBLIC EXECUTIONS... THEY'LL HATE YOU.


WHAT ARE YOU MAKING?
IT'S A NEW LOVE POTION. TAKE A SIP.
YUK IT TASTES LIKE BAT WINGS!
SOMETHING'S WRONG.... IT SHOULD BE LIZARDS' TAILS.

MY SMALL STATURE HAS GIVEN ME A COMPLEX, TROOB.
"THE MEASURE OF GREATNESS CANNOT BE FOUND ON A YARDSTICK."
SAY, THAT'S GOOD... WHO SAID THAT?
TOULOUSE-LAUTREC.


KNEEL, SWINE!


OFF WITH HIS HEAD!


YOU HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD HIS CASE, SIRE, HOW CAN YOU SENTENCE HIM?

I NOTICED WHEN HE KNELT HE WAS STILL TALLER THAN ME.

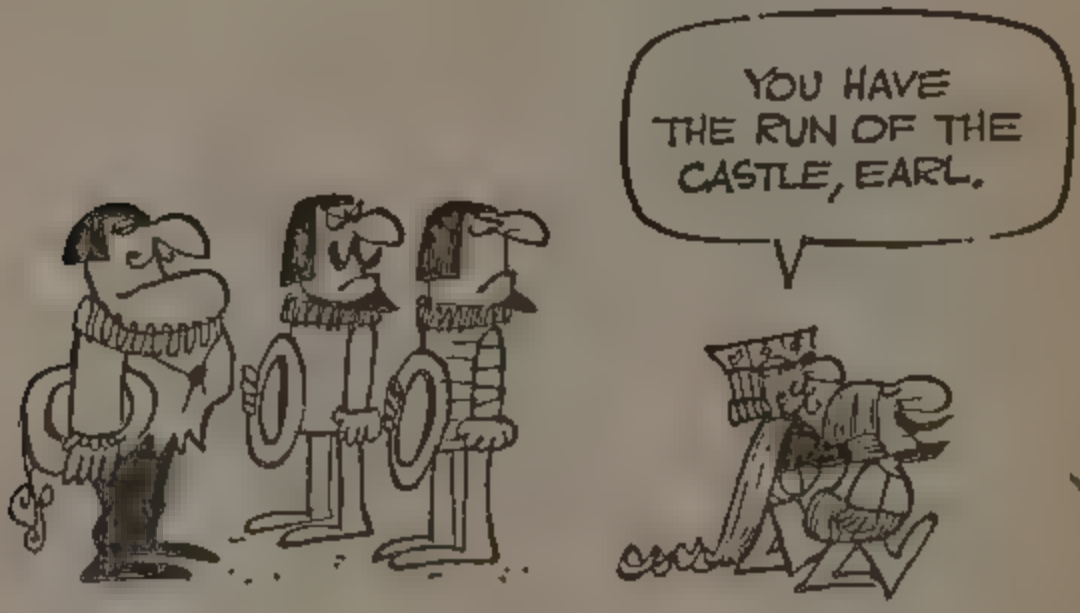
BY YOUR LEAVE, SIRE, I SHOULD LIKE YOU TO HAVE THESE ELEVATED BOOTS WITH MY COMPLIMENTS...

SO THAT YOU WILL NOT BE SHORTER THAN I FOR OUR GRAND ENTRANCE AT THE BALL THIS EVENING.

I. HAVE A BETTER PLAN.

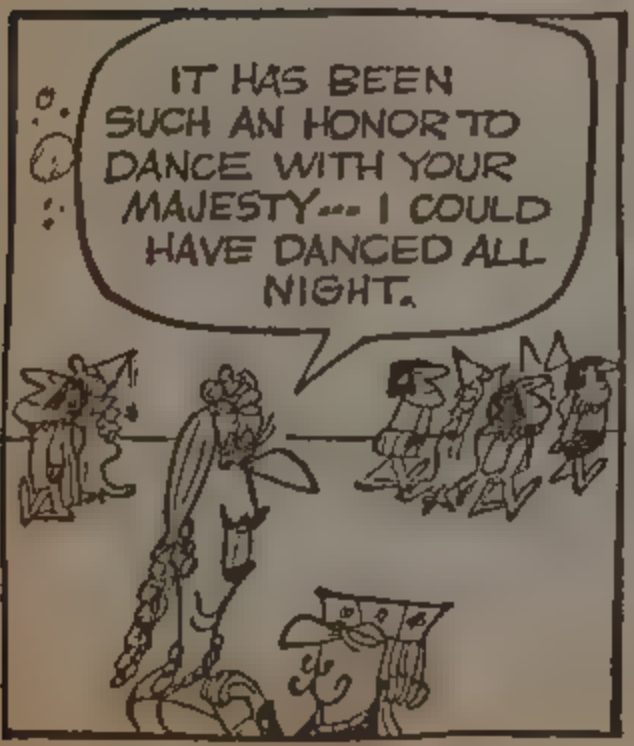
HIS MAJESTY, THE KING, AND...

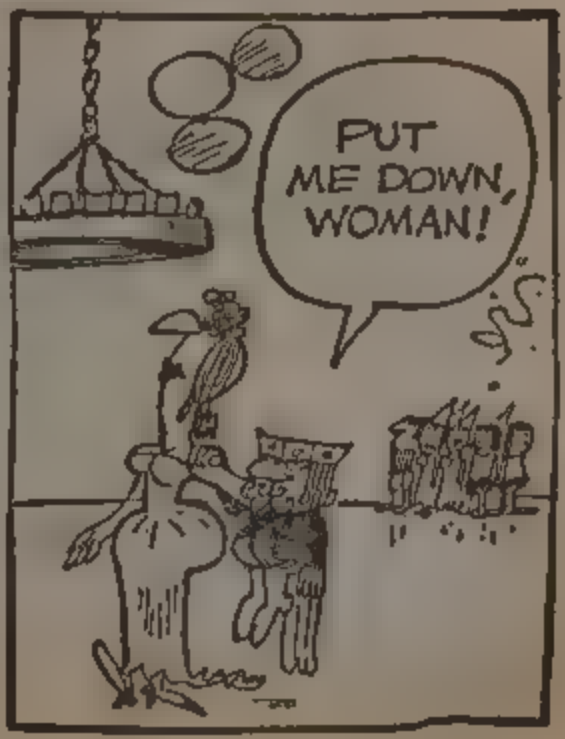
SIRE, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO MEET THE COUNT OF MARGO, THE DUKE OF LESTERSHIRE, AND THE EARL OF TRENT.


YOU HAVE THE RUN OF THE CASTLE, EARL.

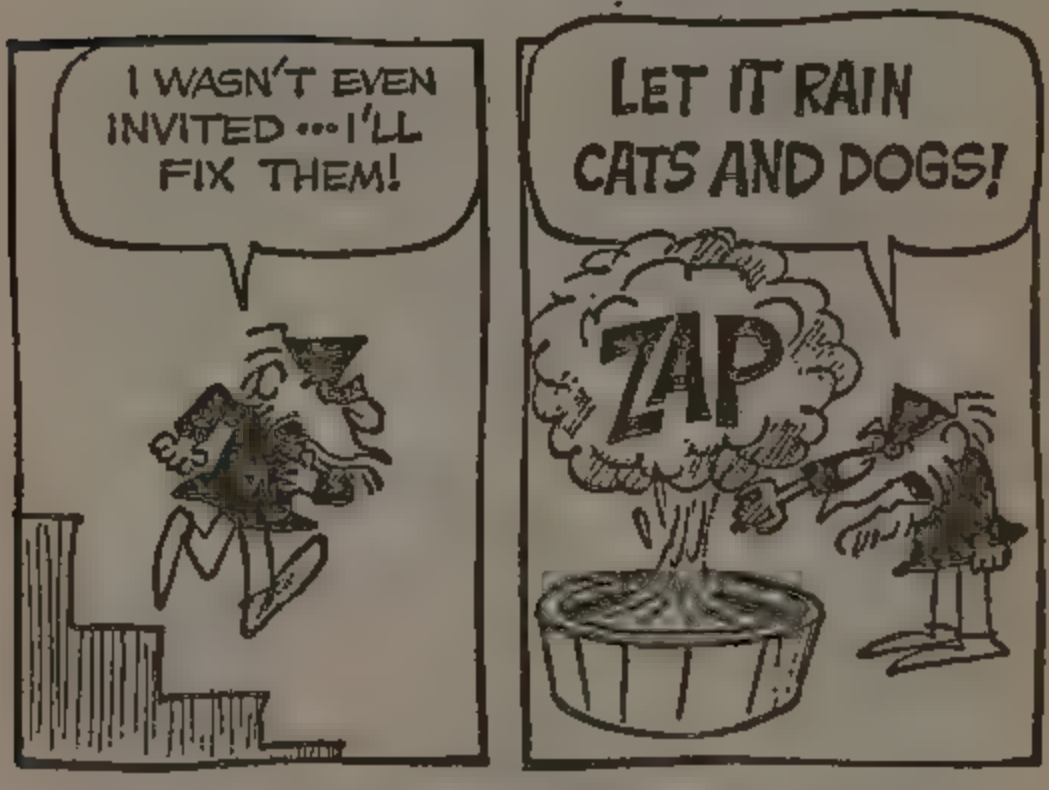
YOU DANCE DIVINELY, SIRE.

IMAGINE ME... ENTILDA GRIMITH, WALTZING WITH ROYALTY.

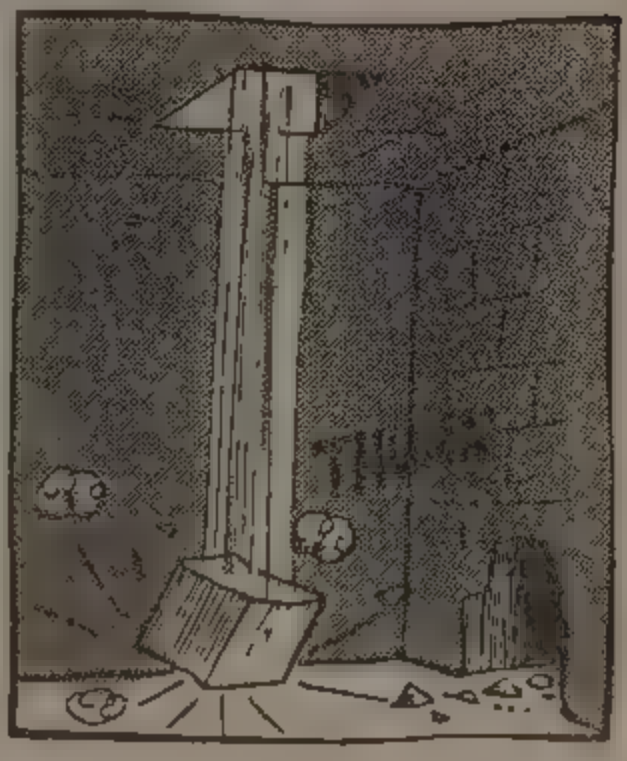

IT HAS BEEN SUCH AN HONOR TO DANCE WITH YOUR MAJESTY--- I COULD HAVE DANCED ALL NIGHT.

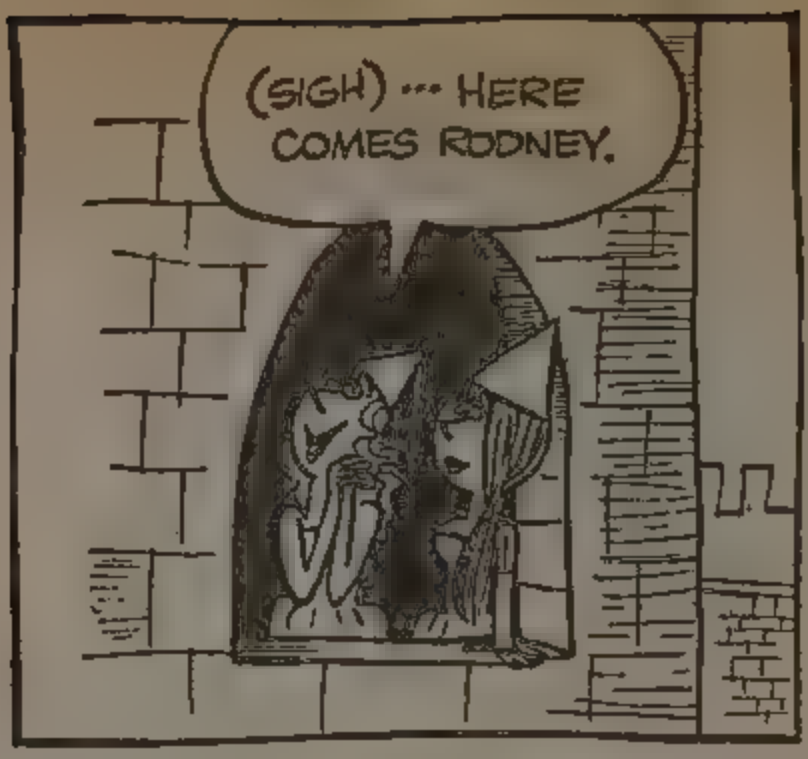

PUT ME DOWN, WOMAN!

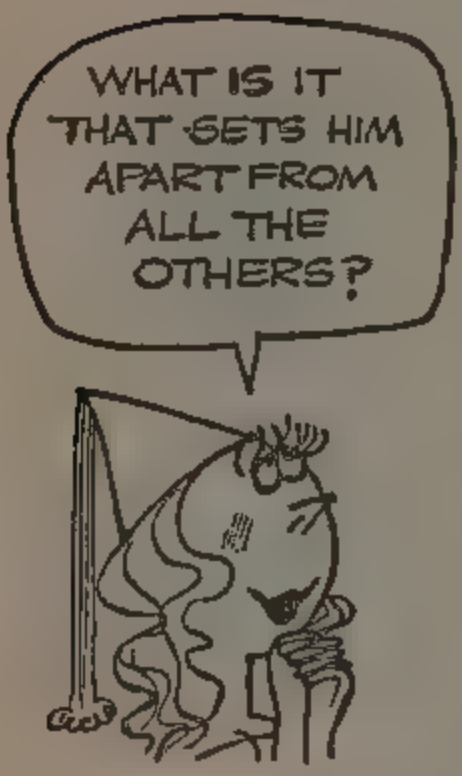
WHERE'S EVERYBODY GOING?
TO THE CASTLE PICNIC.

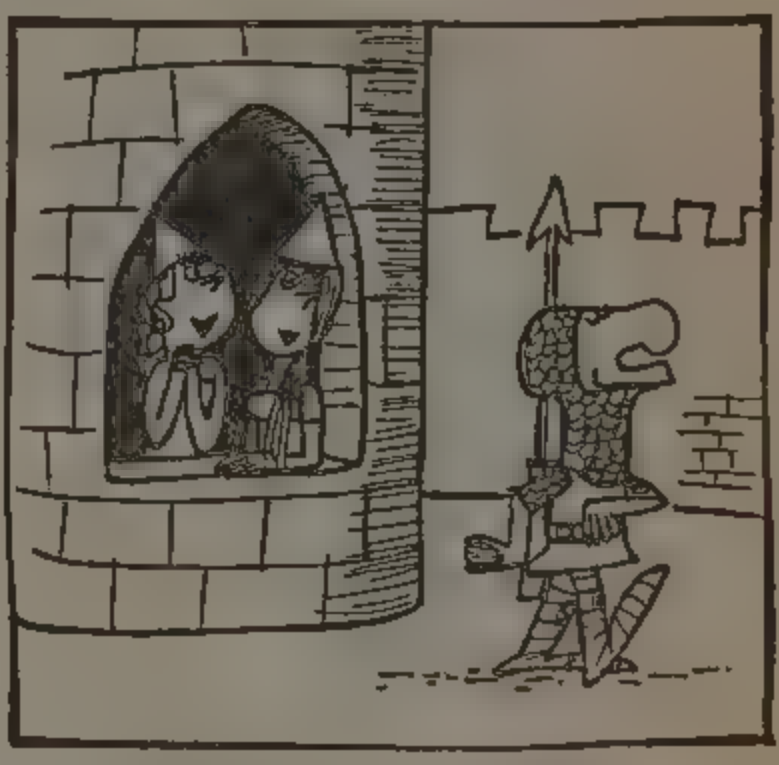

I WASN'T EVEN INVITED ... I'LL FIX THEM!
LET IT RAIN CATS AND DOGS!
ZAP

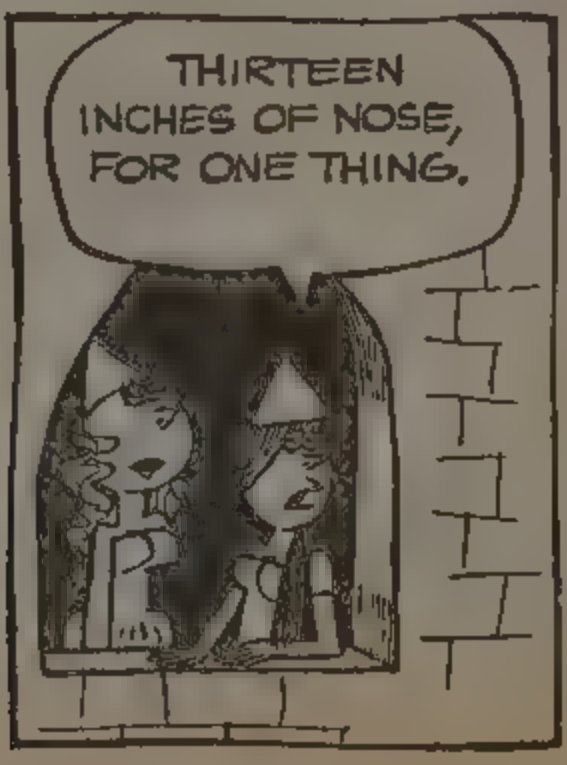
ALL RIGHT... WHO FORGOT TO INVITE THE WIZARD?

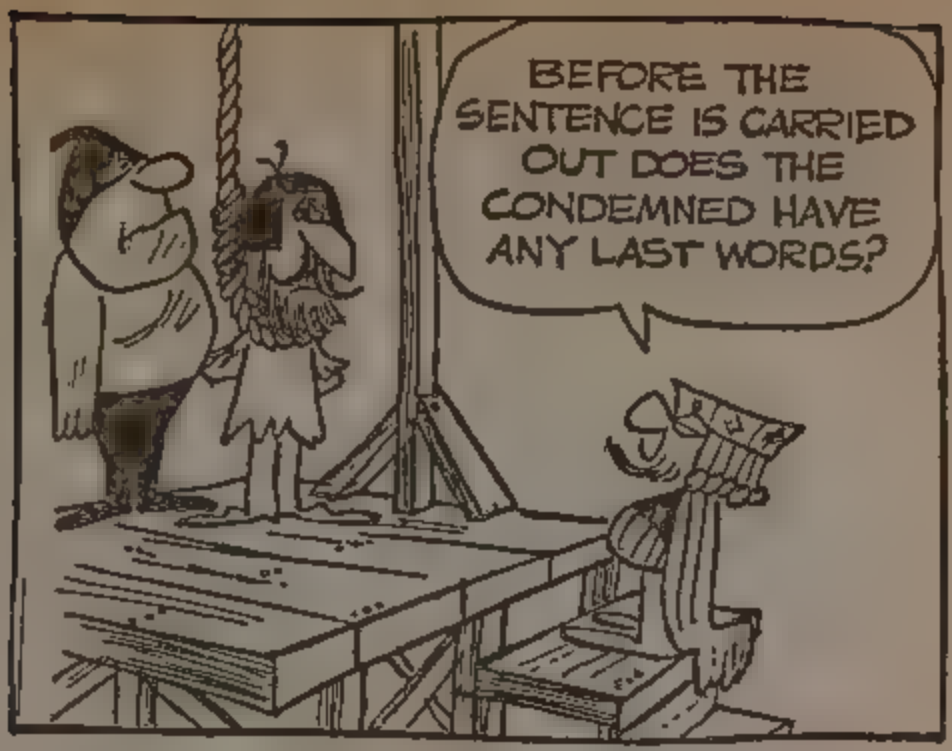



(SIGH) ... HERE COMES RODNEY.


WHAT IS IT THAT SETS HIM APART FROM ALL THE OTHERS?

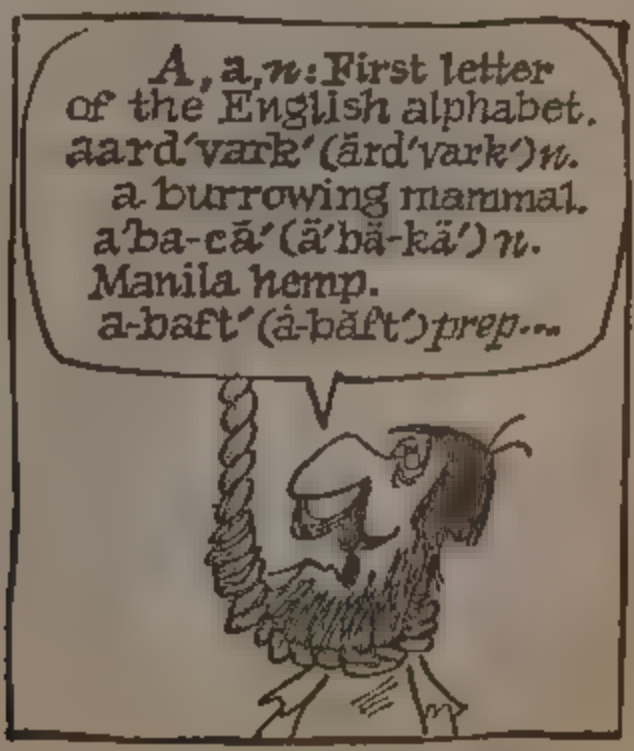


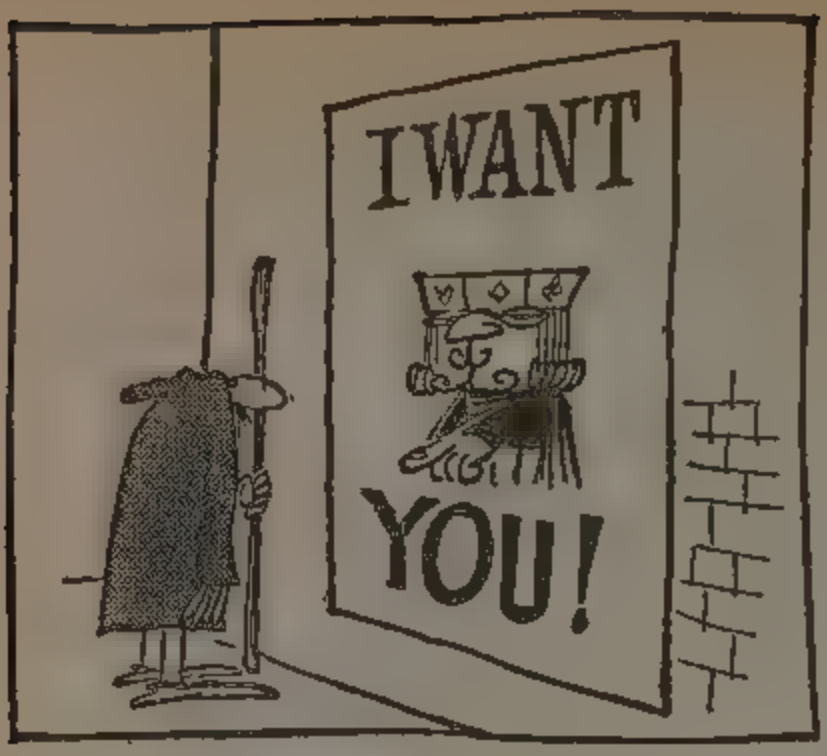

THIRTEEN INCHES OF NOSE, FOR ONE THING.

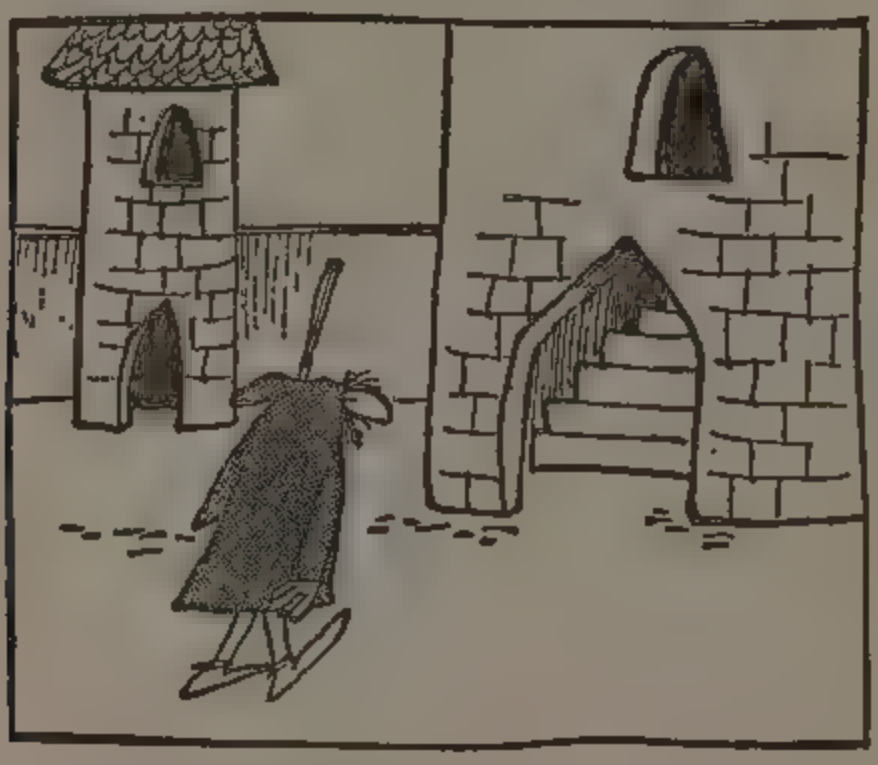

BEFORE THE SENTENCE IS CARRIED OUT DOES THE CONDEMNED HAVE ANY LAST WORDS?

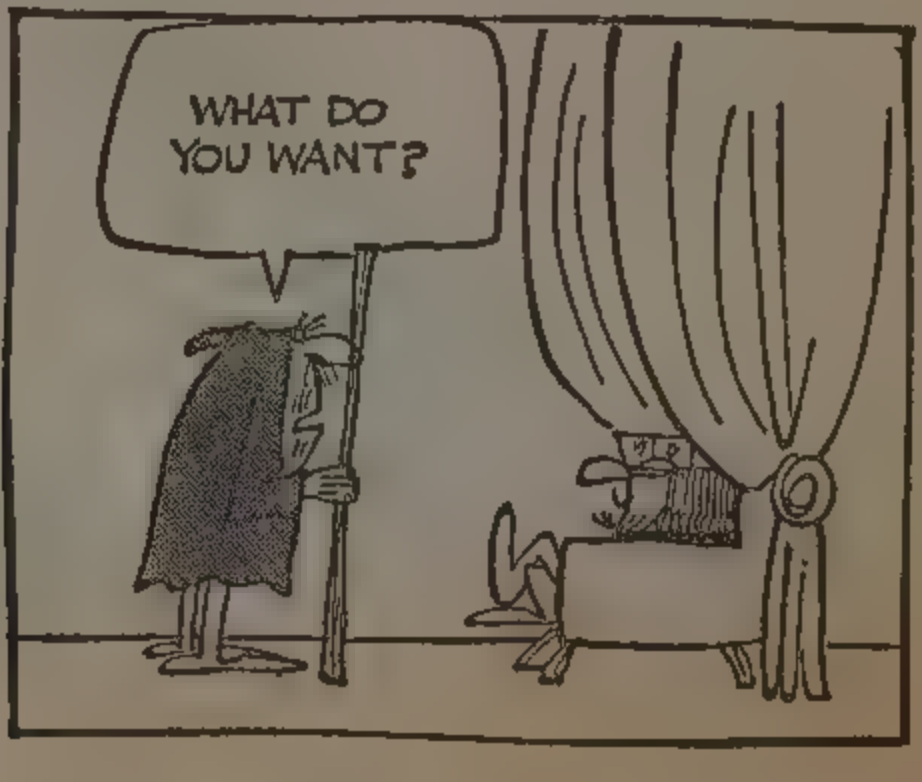
YES, YOUR MAJESTY.

VERY WELL, WHAT ARE THEY?


A, a, *n*: First letter of the English alphabet.
aard'vark' (ärd'vark') *n.* a burrowing mammal.
a'ba-cä' (ä'bä-kä') *n.* Manila hemp.
a-baft' (ä-bäft') *prep.*...

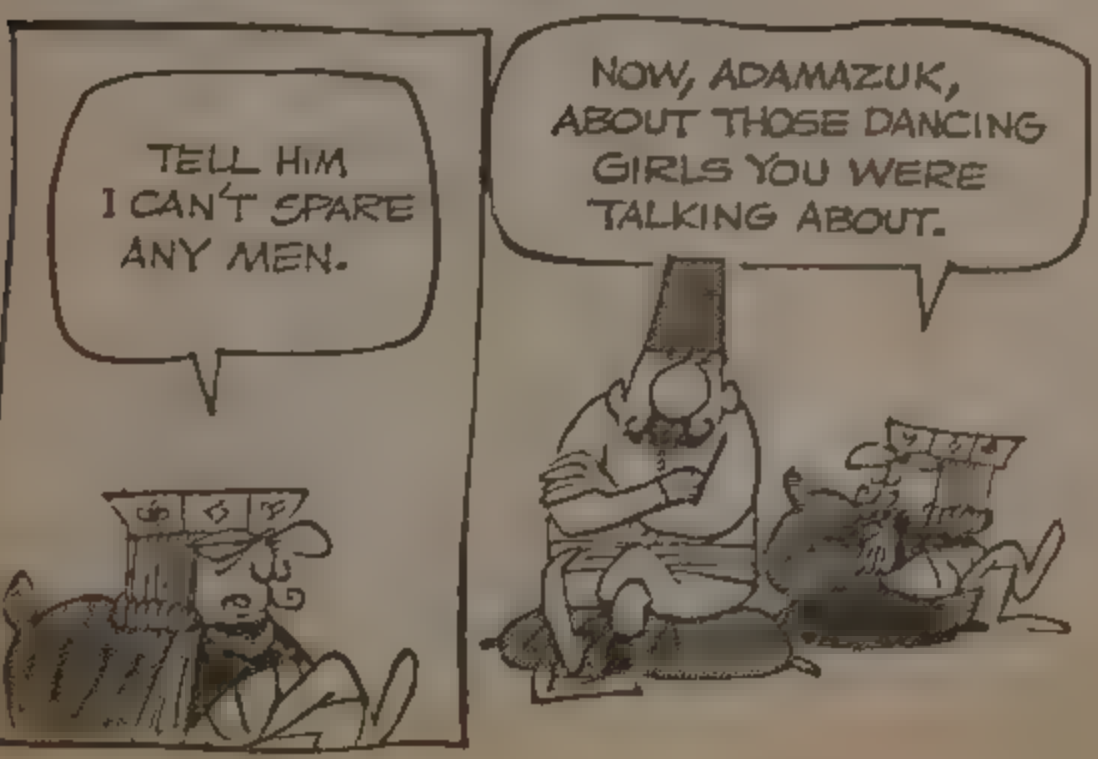

I WANT
YOU!

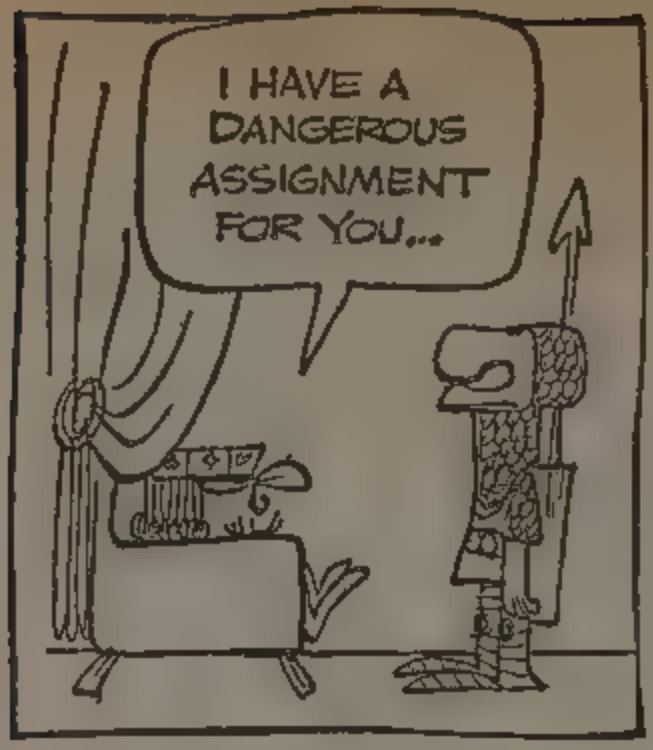


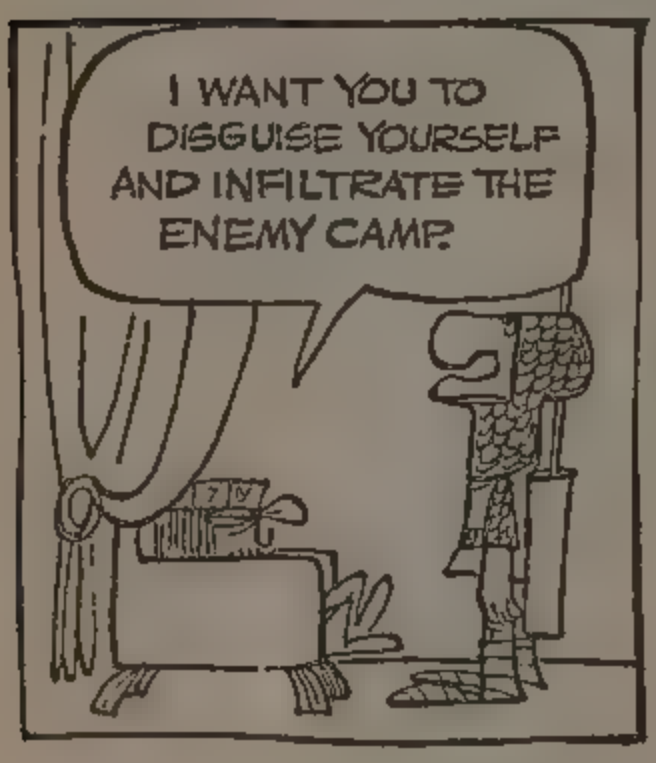

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

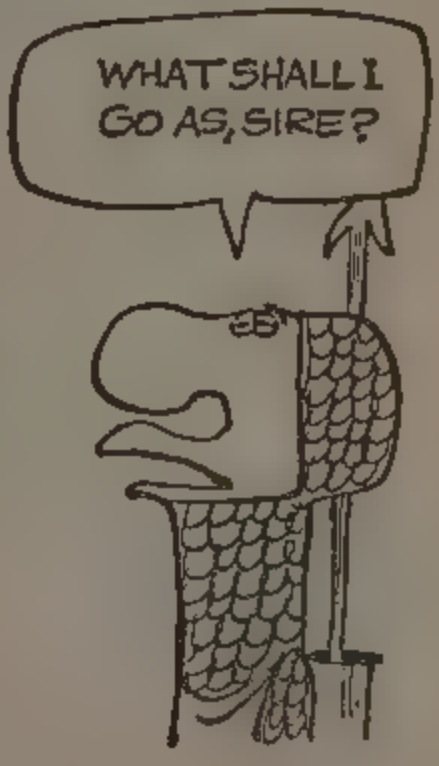
SIRE, THERE IS A KNIGHT AT THE GATE RECRUITING AN ARMY FOR A CRUSADE.

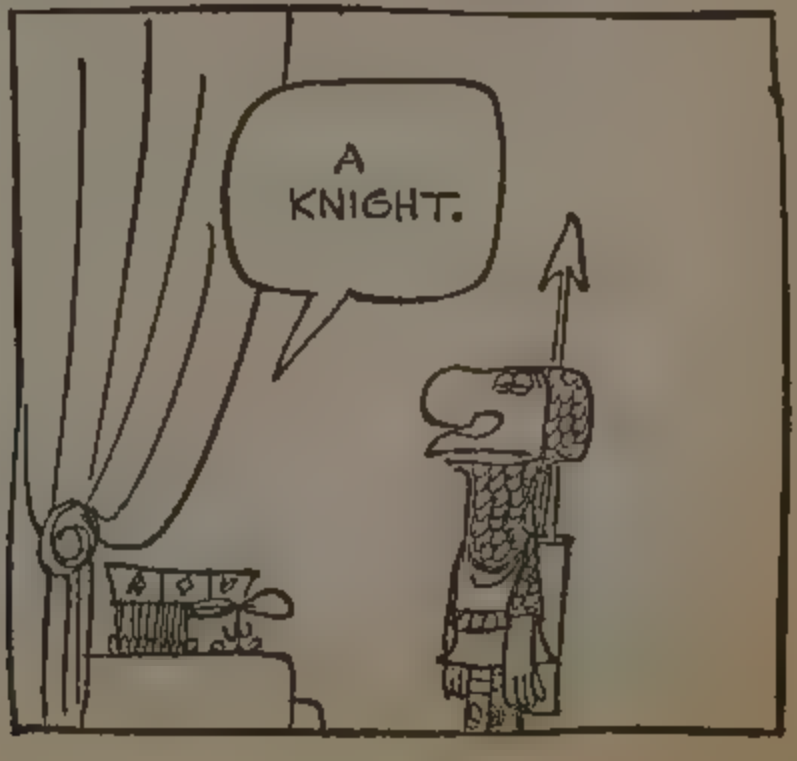
WHO ARE THEY CRUSADING AGAINST?
THE TURKS, SIRE.

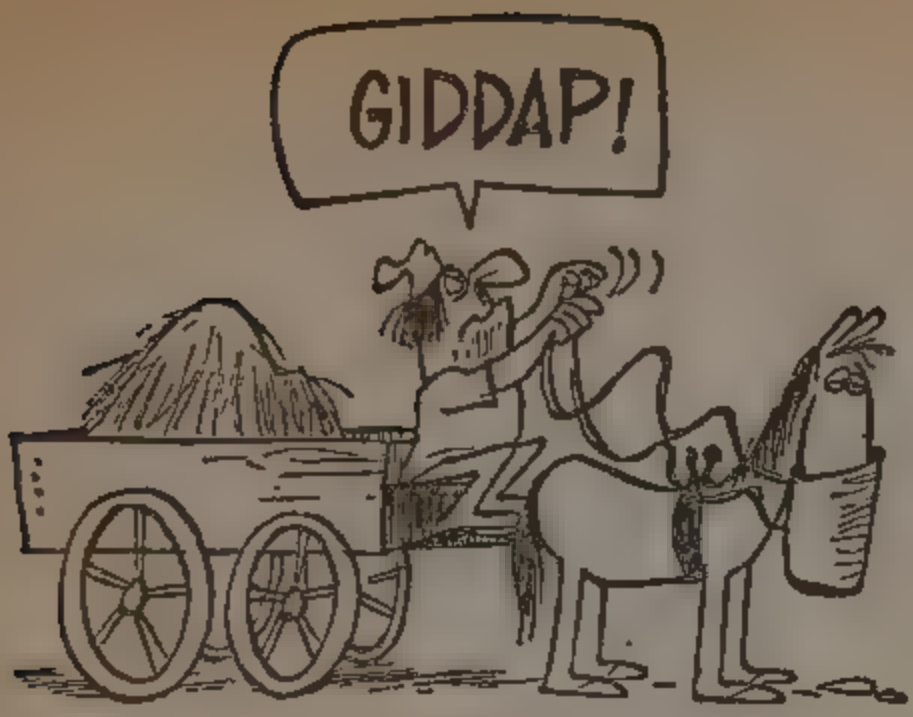

TELL HIM I CAN'T SPARE ANY MEN.
NOW, ADAMAZUK, ABOUT THOSE DANCING GIRLS YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT.

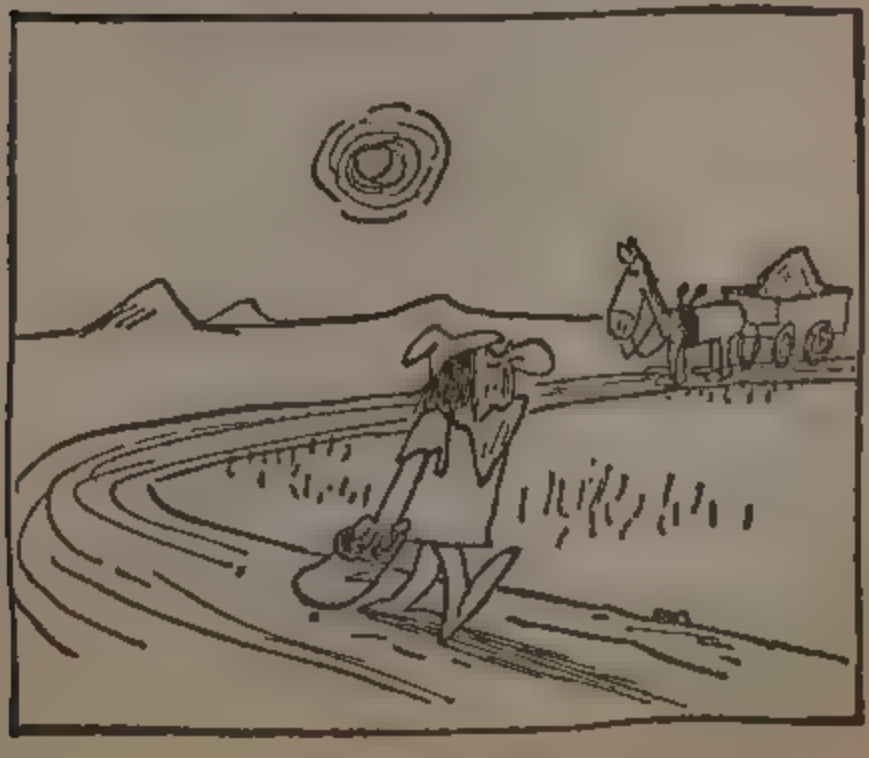

I HAVE A DANGEROUS ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU...

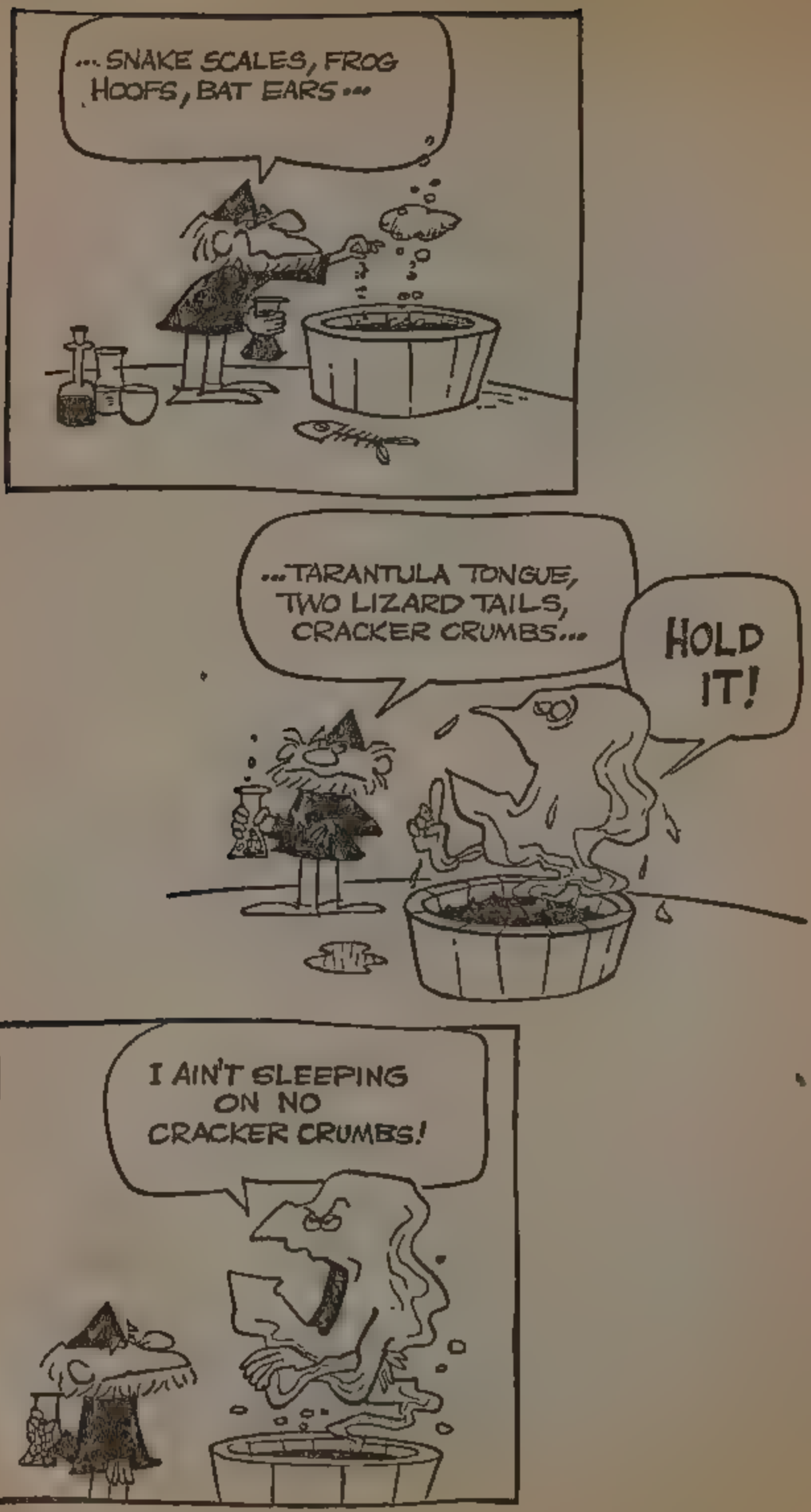

I WANT YOU TO DISGUISE YOURSELF AND INFILTRATE THE ENEMY CAMP.

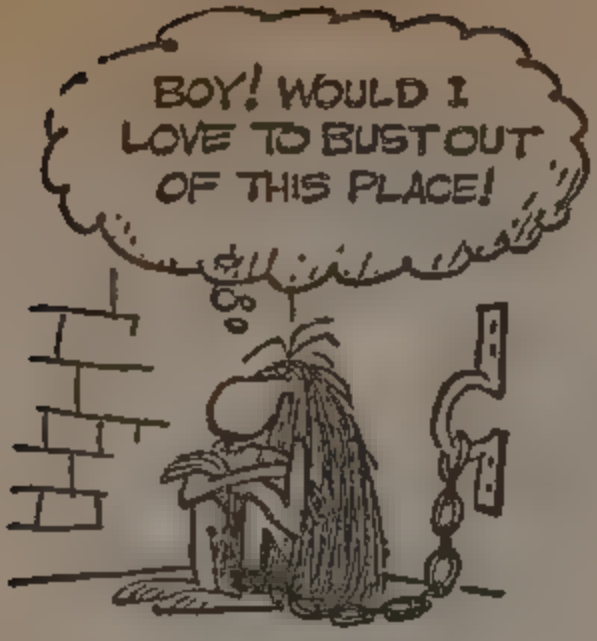

WHAT SHALL I GO AS, SIRE?

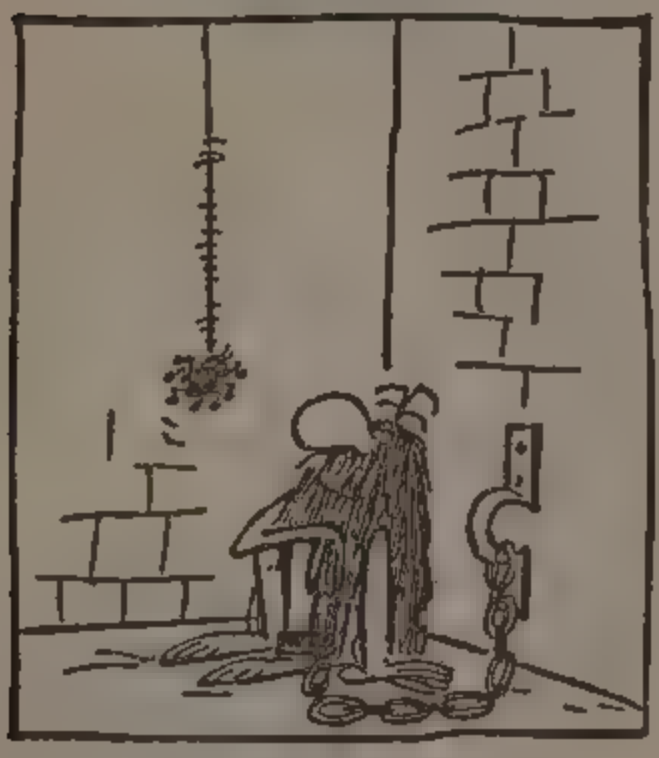

A KNIGHT.

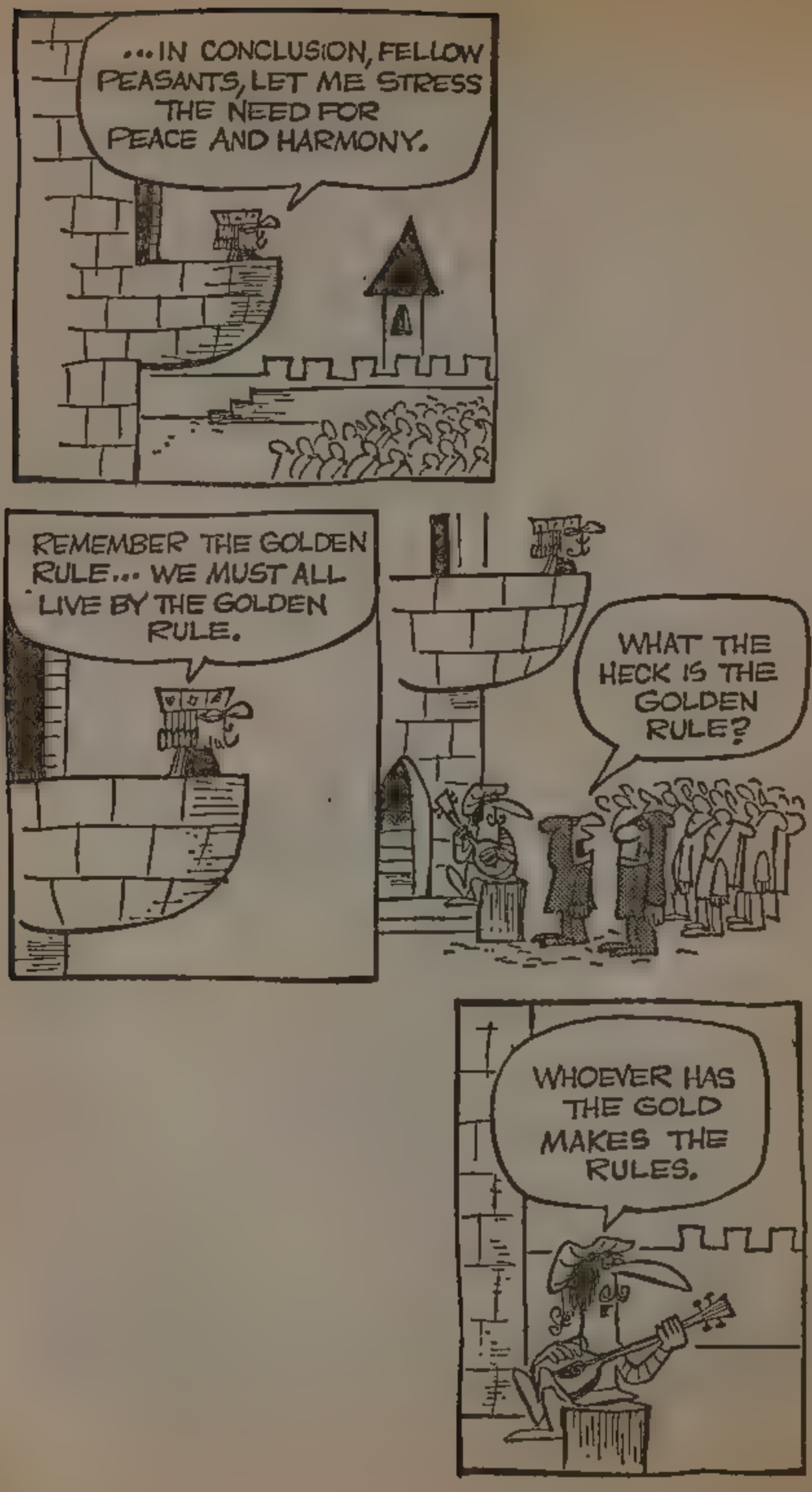

GIDDAP!

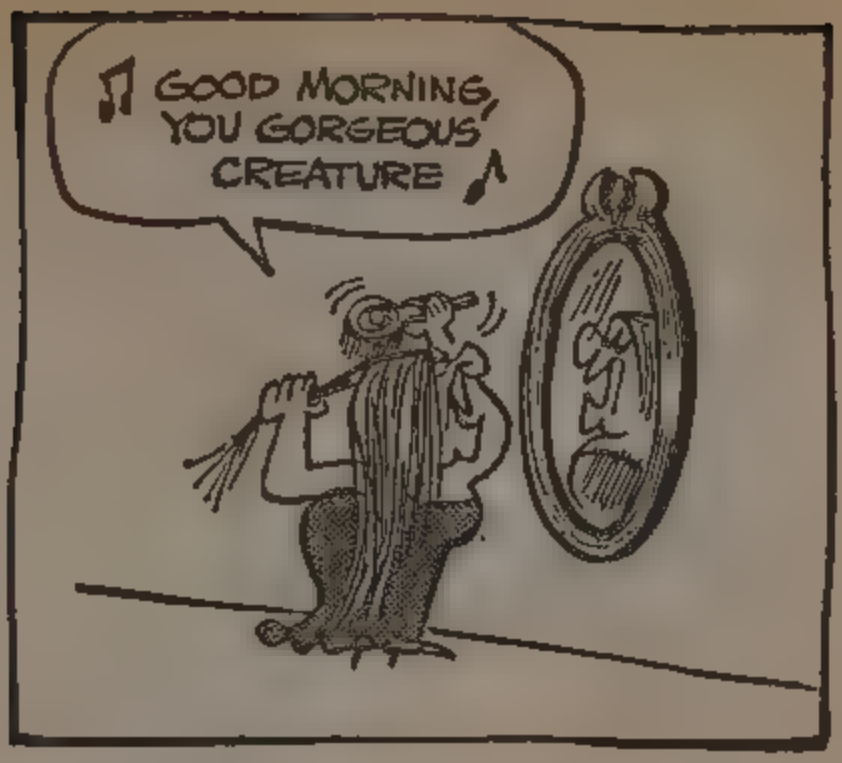



...SNAKE SCALES, FROG HOOFS, BAT EARS...
...TARANTULA TONGUE, TWO LIZARD TAILS, CRACKER CRUMBS...
HOLD IT!
I AIN'T SLEEPING ON NO CRACKER CRUMBS!

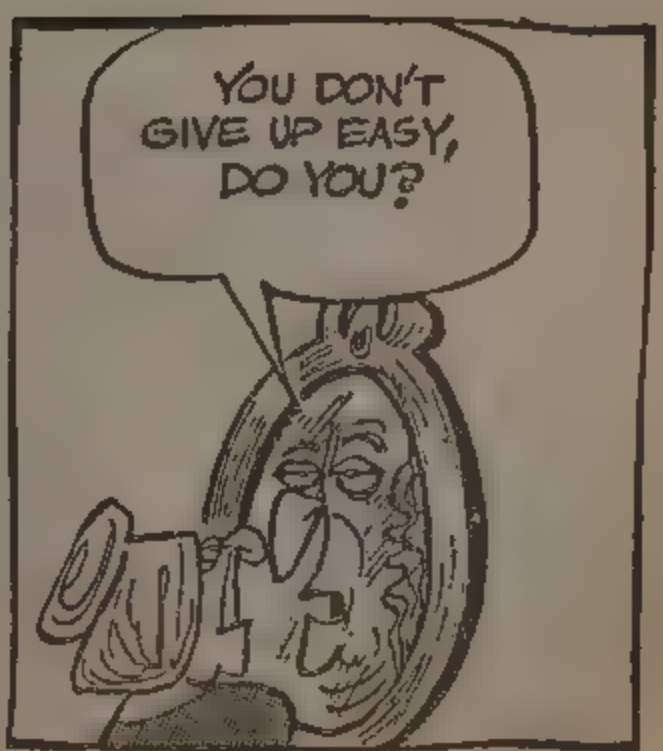

BOY! WOULD I LOVE TO BUST OUT OF THIS PLACE!




...IN CONCLUSION, FELLOW PEASANTS, LET ME STRESS THE NEED FOR PEACE AND HARMONY.
REMEMBER THE GOLDEN RULE... WE MUST ALL LIVE BY THE GOLDEN RULE.
WHAT THE HECK IS THE GOLDEN RULE?
WHOEVER HAS THE GOLD MAKES THE RULES.


GOOD MORNING, YOU GORGEOUS CREATURE

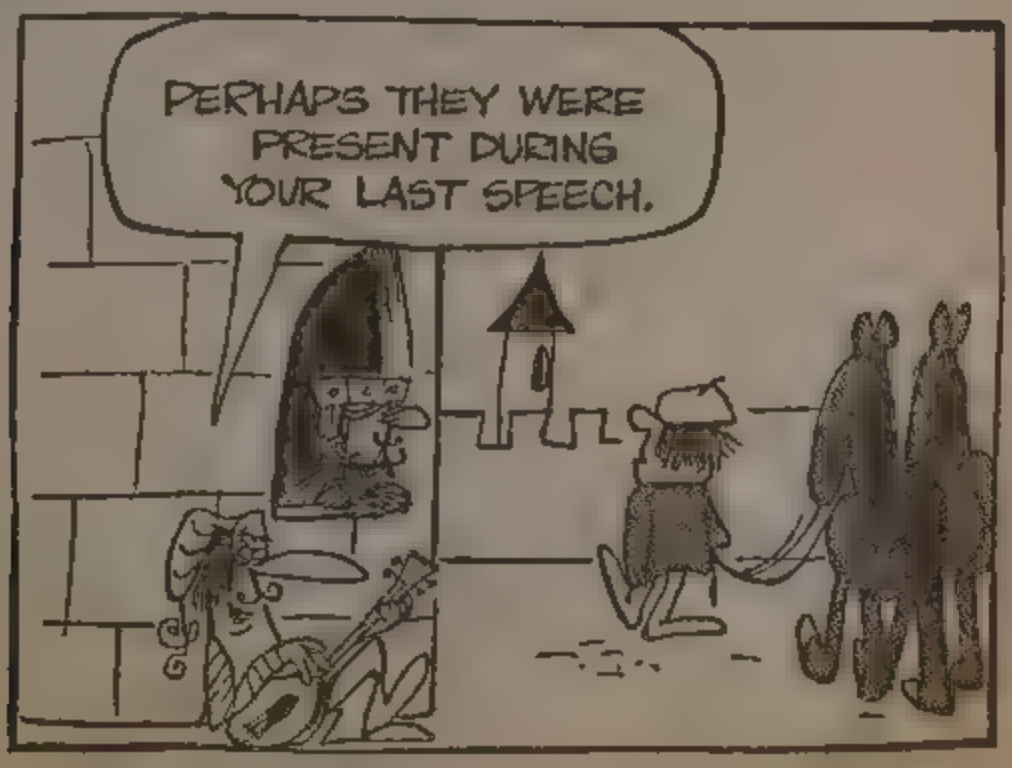
MIRROR, MIRROR, ON THE WALL... WHO'S THE FAIREST ONE OF ALL?

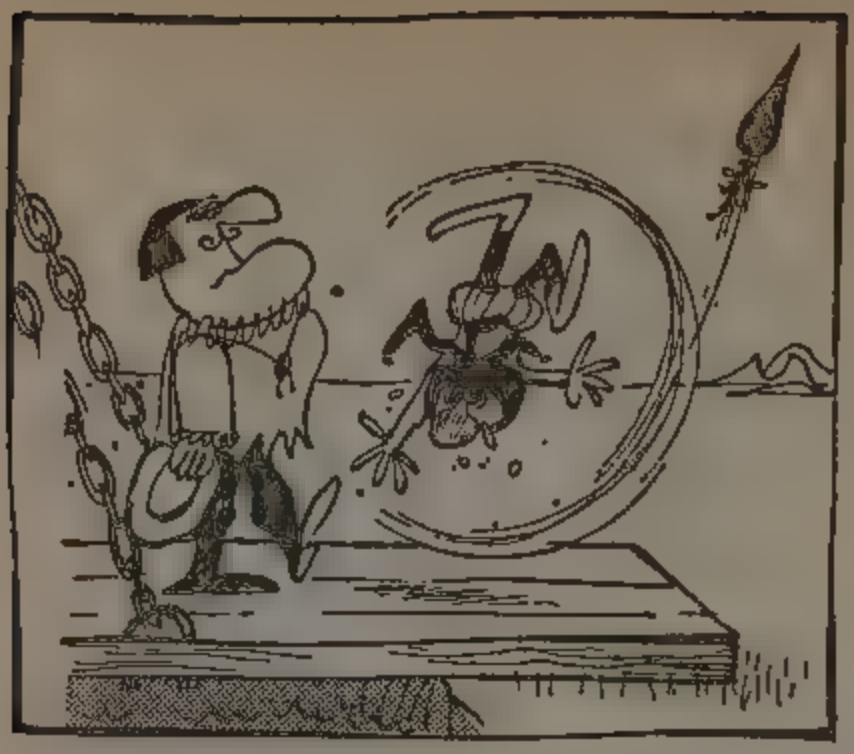

YOU DON'T GIVE UP EASY, DO YOU?

RODNEY, YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO LEAD OFF THE TOURNAMENT AGAINST THE BLACK KNIGHT.
zBz
BzBzBzz
BzBzzzBz
BzzBz
Bzzz
...MY ERROR, RODNEY. IT'S PRINCE VALSPAR WHO IS SCHEDULED TO FACE THE BLACK KNIGHT.
FOR A MINUTE THERE, MY WHOLE LIFE FLASHED IN FRONT OF ME.

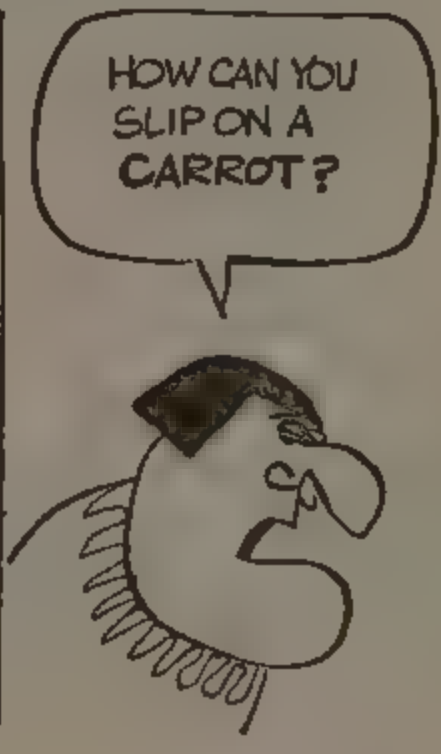
SIRE, THE HORSES HAVE CONTRACTED HOOF'N-MOUTH DISEASE.

WHERE COULD THEY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THAT?


PERHAPS THEY WERE PRESENT DURING YOUR LAST SPEECH.



YOU MUST BE KIDDING.

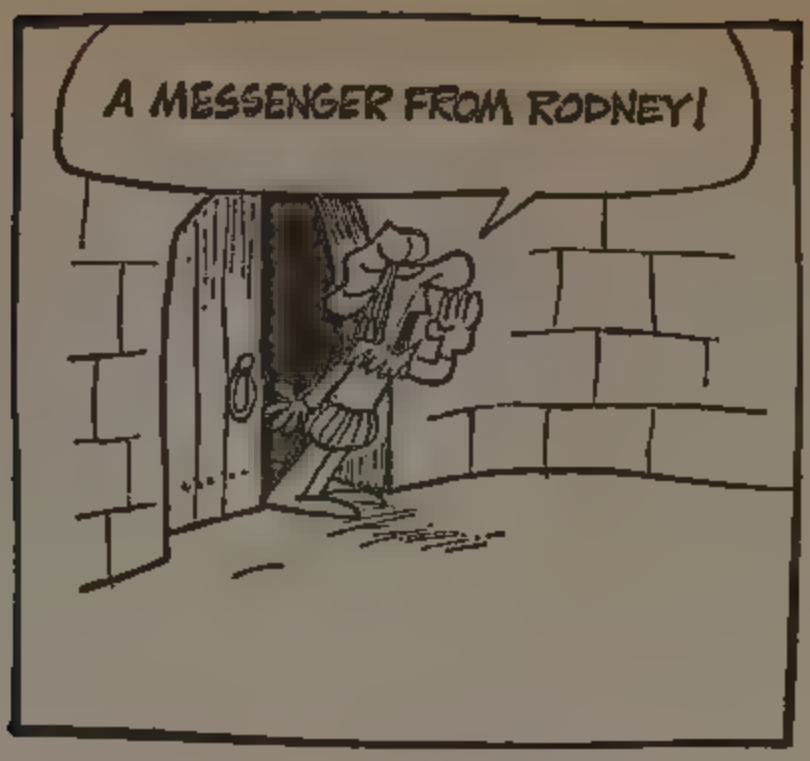

HOW CAN YOU SLIP ON A CARROT?

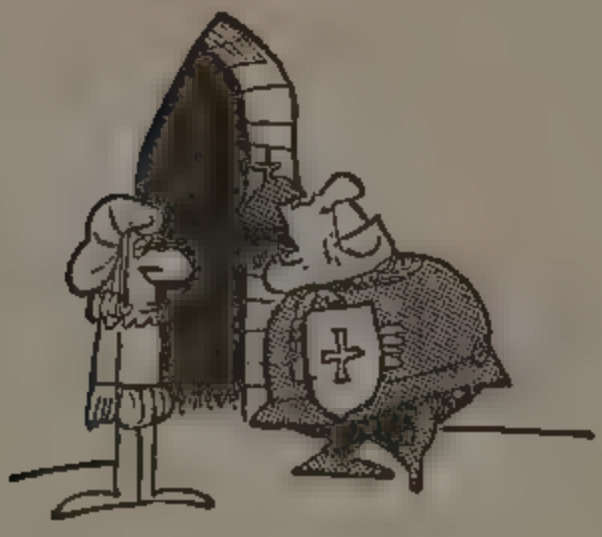
I HAD NO CHOICE. BANANAS ARE OUT OF SEASON.

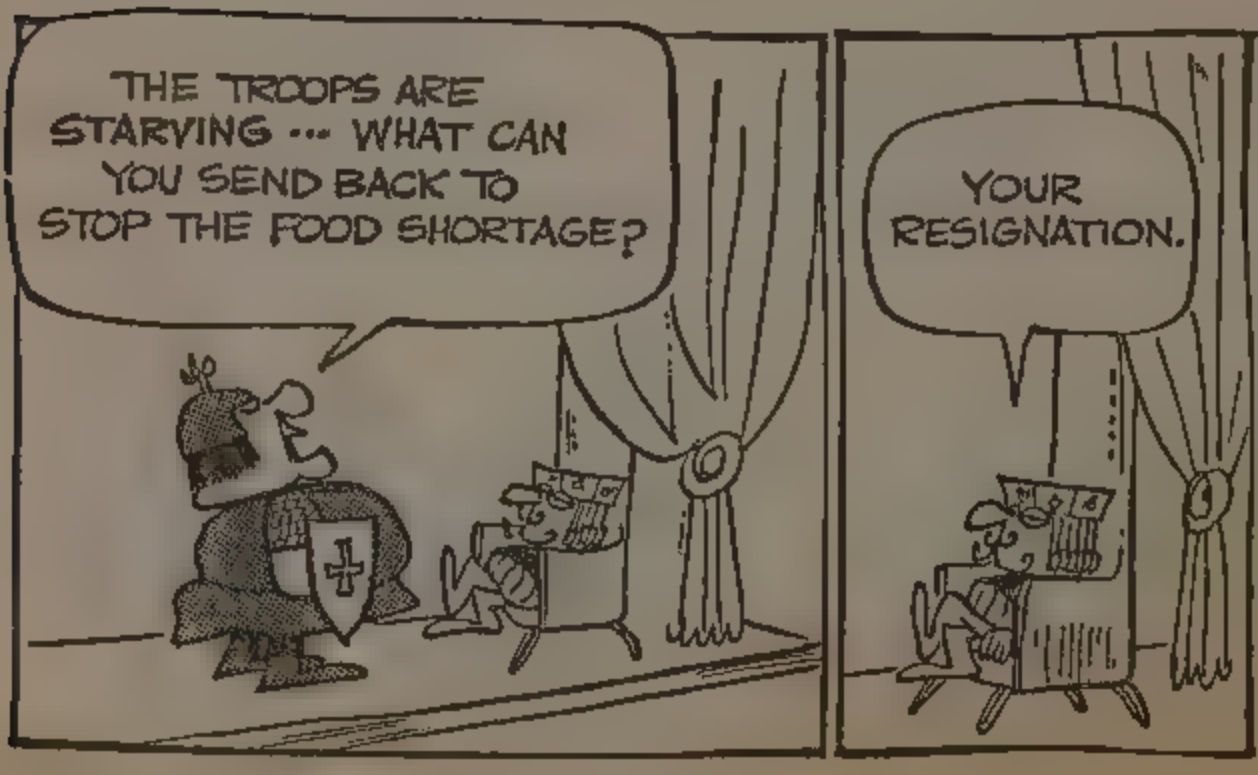
THERE IS A SCARECROW, A LION, AND A TINMAN HERE TO SEE YOU.

WHAT DO THEY WANT?
THEY ARE LOOKING FOR A GIRL WITH RUBY SLIPPERS.

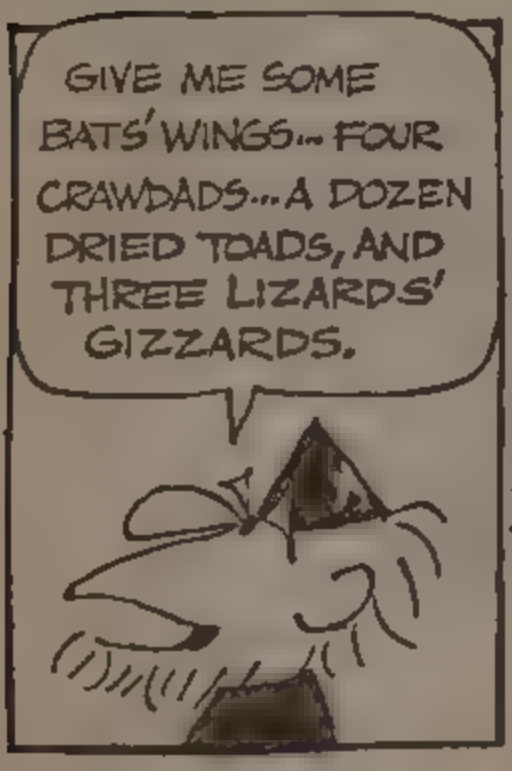
WHO ISN'T?


A MESSENGER FROM RODNEY!

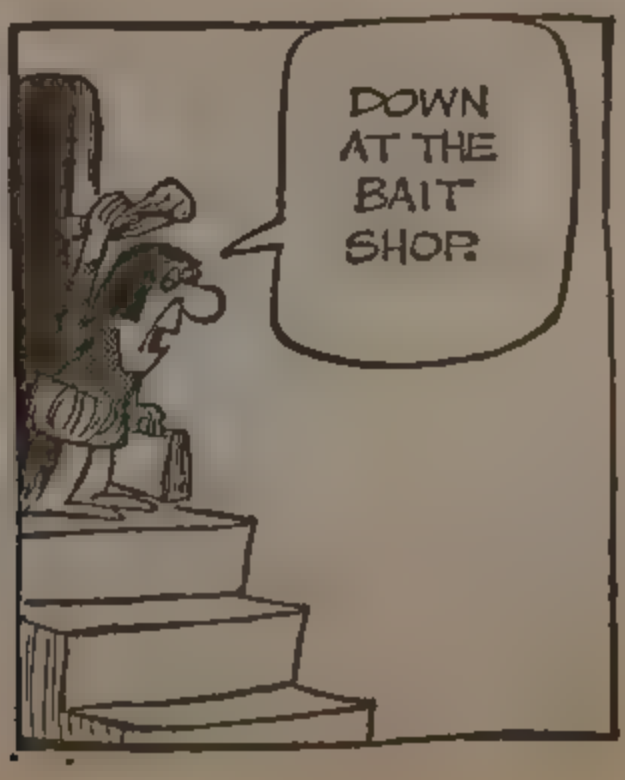


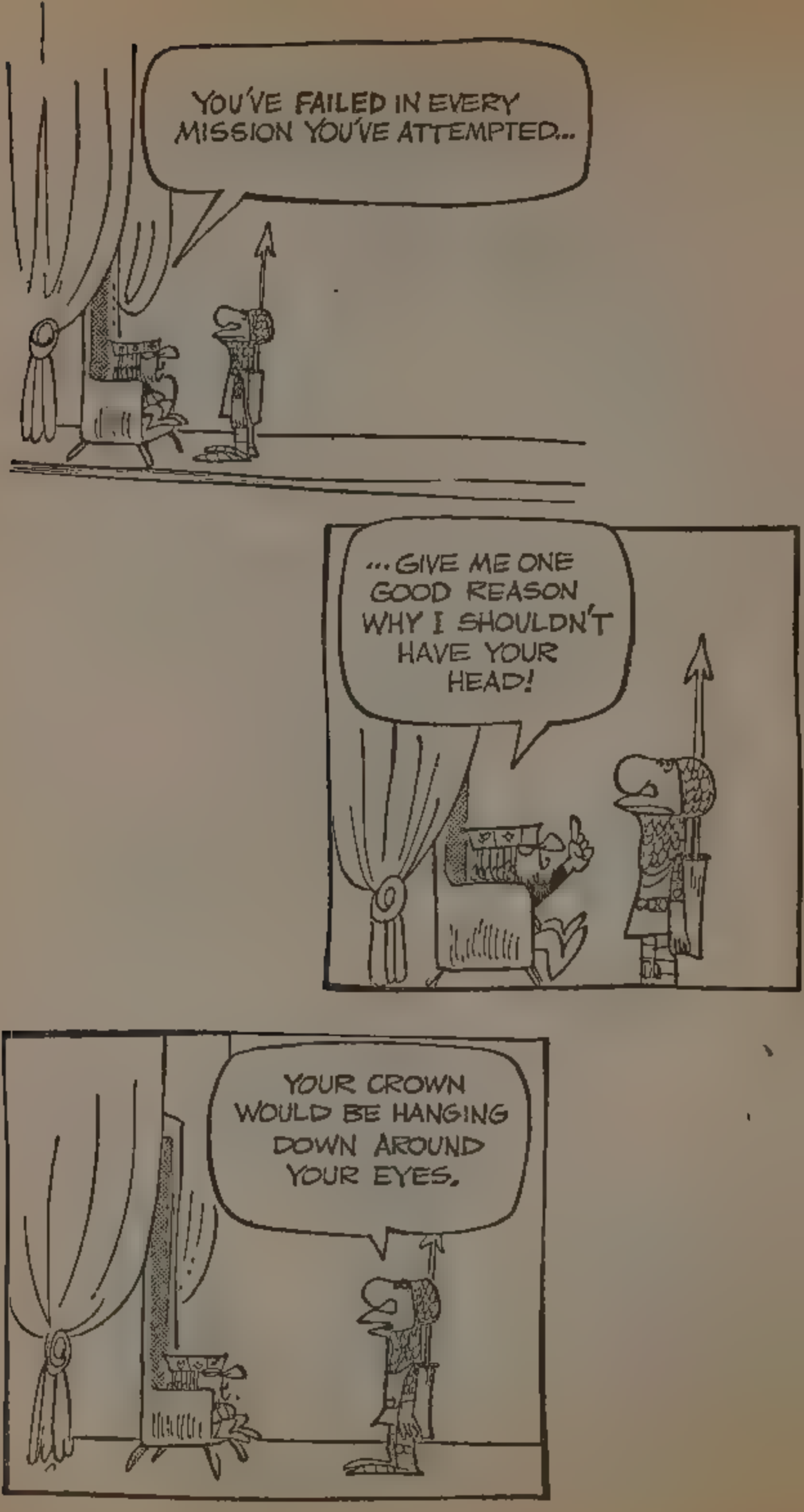

THE TROOPS ARE STARVING ... WHAT CAN YOU SEND BACK TO STOP THE FOOD SHORTAGE?
YOUR RESIGNATION.

WHAT DO YOU NEED THIS MONTH?


GIVE ME SOME BATS' WINGS... FOUR CRAWDADS... A DOZEN DRIED TOADS, AND THREE LIZARDS' GIZZARDS.

WHERE DO YOU GET THIS STUFF ANYWAY?

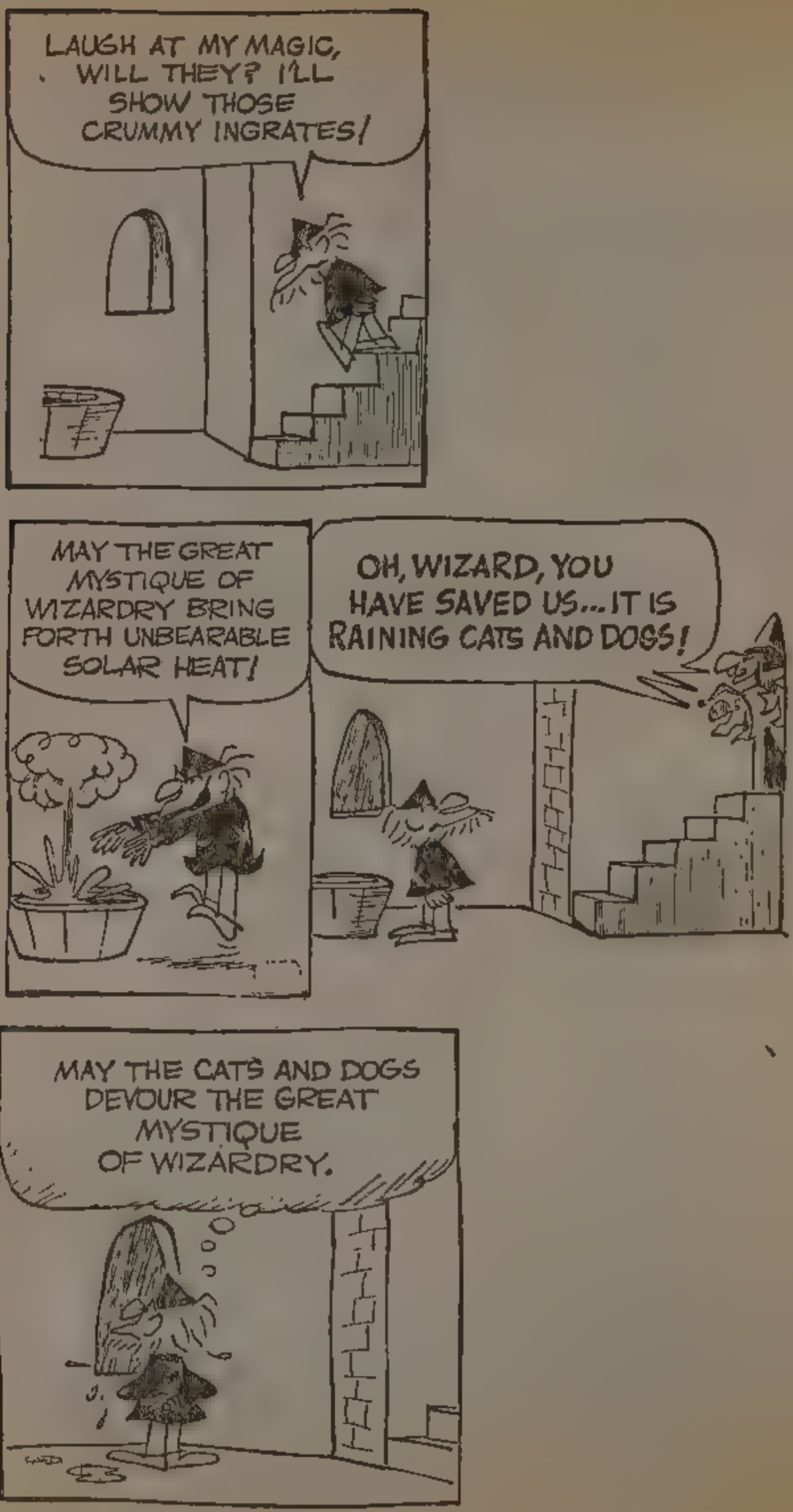

DOWN AT THE BAIT SHOP.

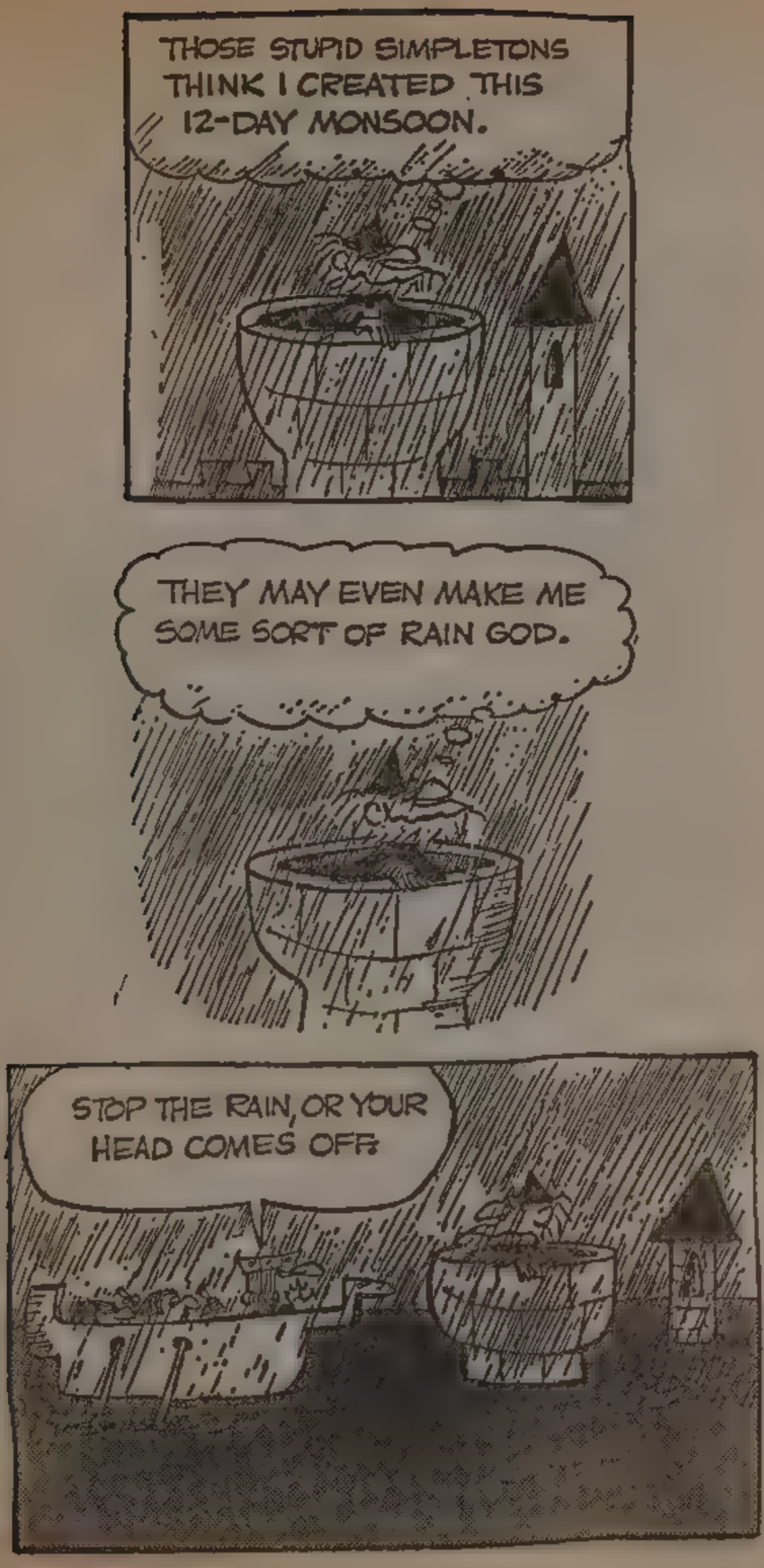

YOU'VE FAILED IN EVERY MISSION YOU'VE ATTEMPTED...
...GIVE ME ONE GOOD REASON WHY I SHOULDN'T HAVE YOUR HEAD!
YOUR CROWN WOULD BE HANGING DOWN AROUND YOUR EYES.

OH, WIZARD, SAVE US! WE ARE SUFFERING A GREAT DROUGHT.
NO WONDER THEY'RE NOT BITING.

LET THERE BE RAIN AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE!

WELL, YOU CAN'T SEE MUCH FARTHER THAN THAT!


LAUGH AT MY MAGIC, WILL THEY? I'LL SHOW THOSE CRUMMY INGRATES!
MAY THE GREAT MYSTIQUE OF WIZARDRY BRING FORTH UNBEARABLE SOLAR HEAT!
OH, WIZARD, YOU HAVE SAVED US... IT IS RAINING CATS AND DOGS!
MAY THE CATS AND DOGS DEVOUR THE GREAT MYSTIQUE OF WIZARDRY.


THOSE STUPID SIMPLETONS THINK I CREATED THIS 12-DAY MONSOON.
THEY MAY EVEN MAKE ME SOME SORT OF RAIN GOD.
STOP THE RAIN, OR YOUR HEAD COMES OFF!

HERE COMES SIR RODNEY!

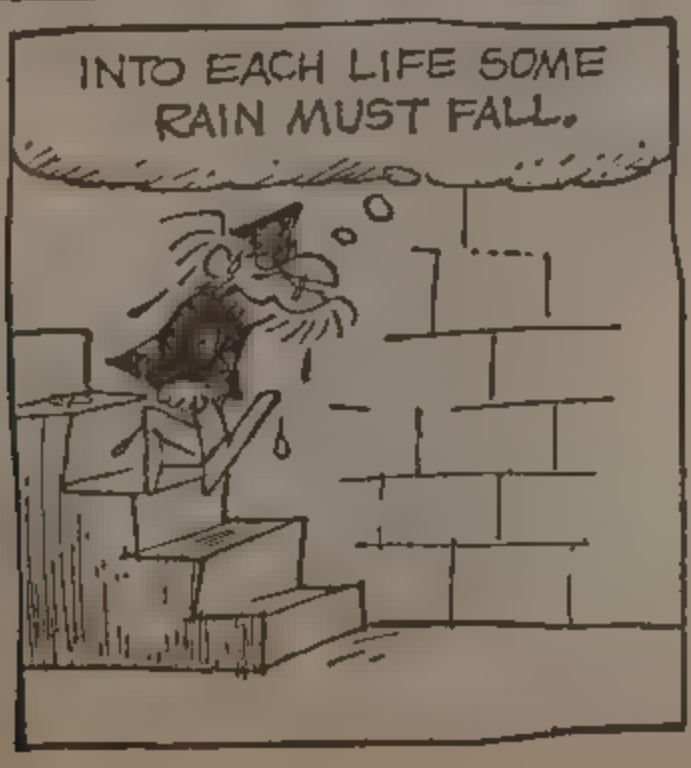
I'M BACK FROM PATROL, SIRE.
WELL, WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO REPORT?

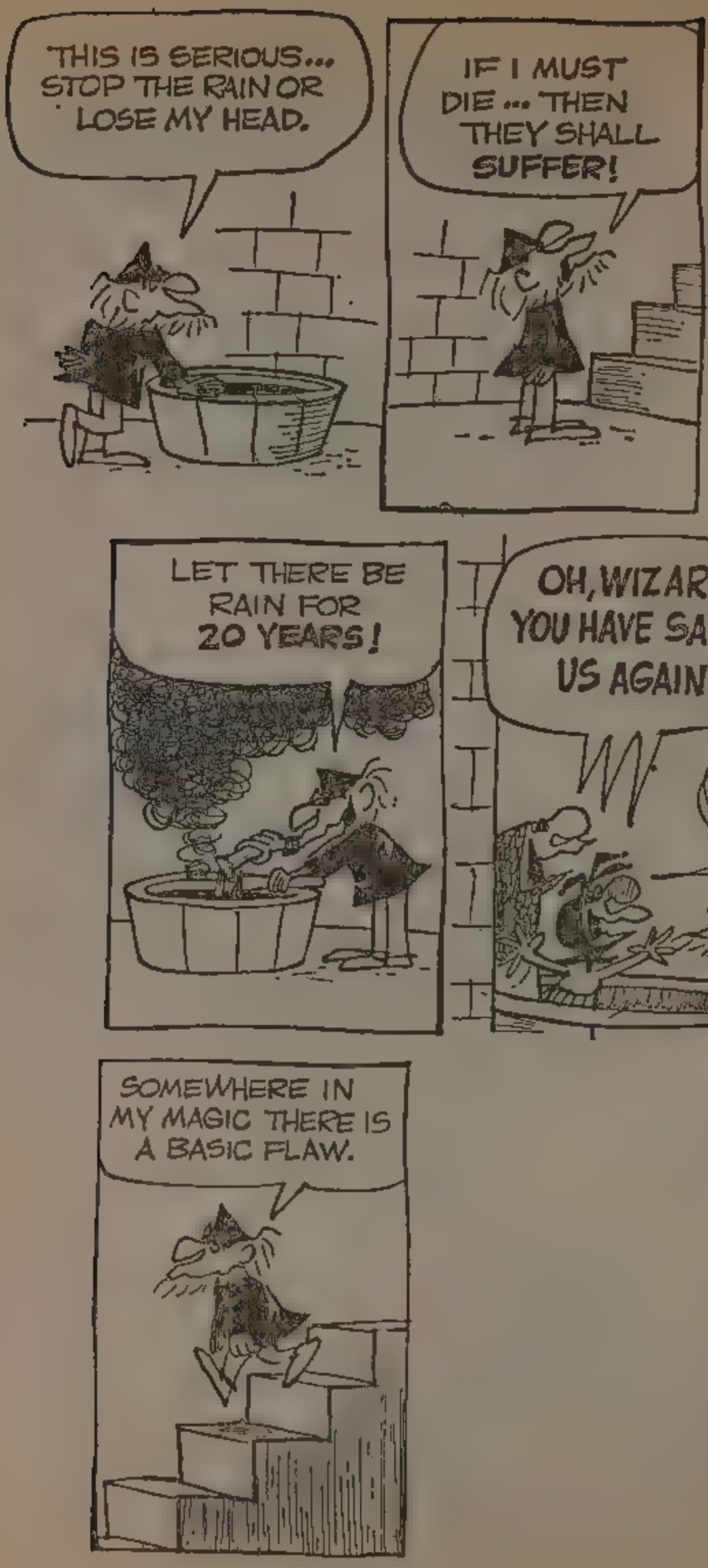
FIRST OF ALL, THE DROUGHT IS OVER.

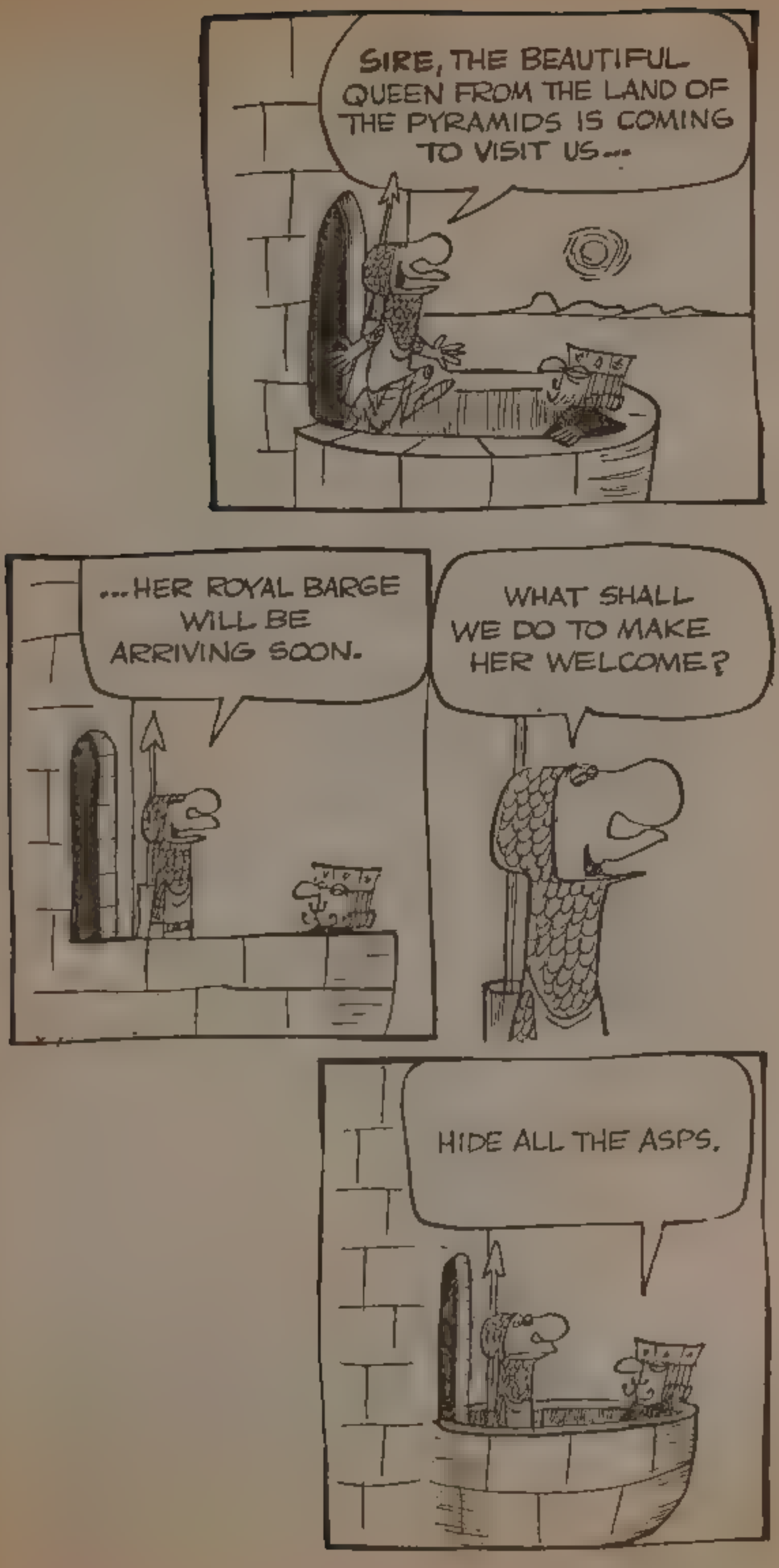
STOP RAIN!

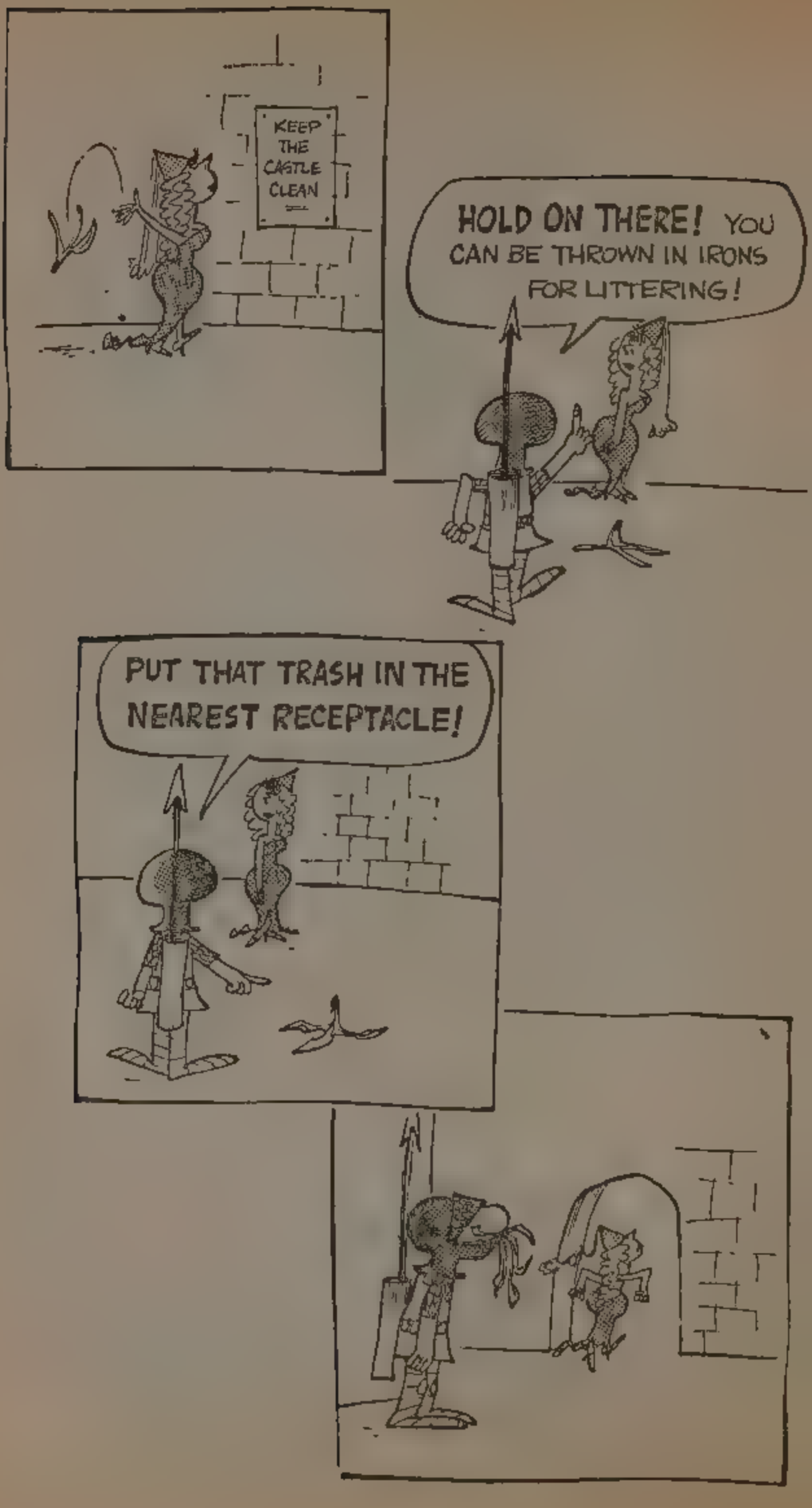
RAIN! I COMMAND YOU... STOP!

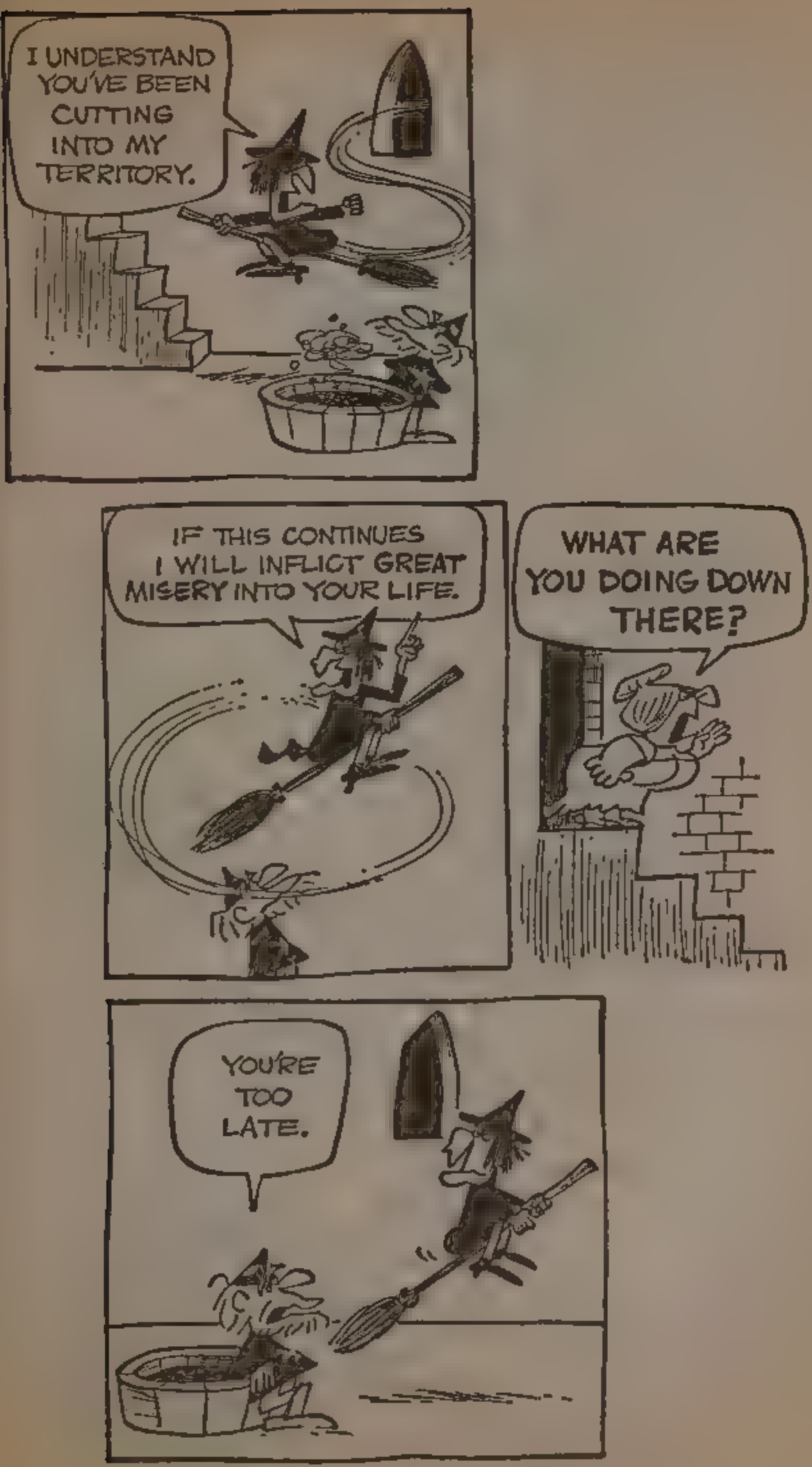
LET THERE BE FEARFUL HEAT!

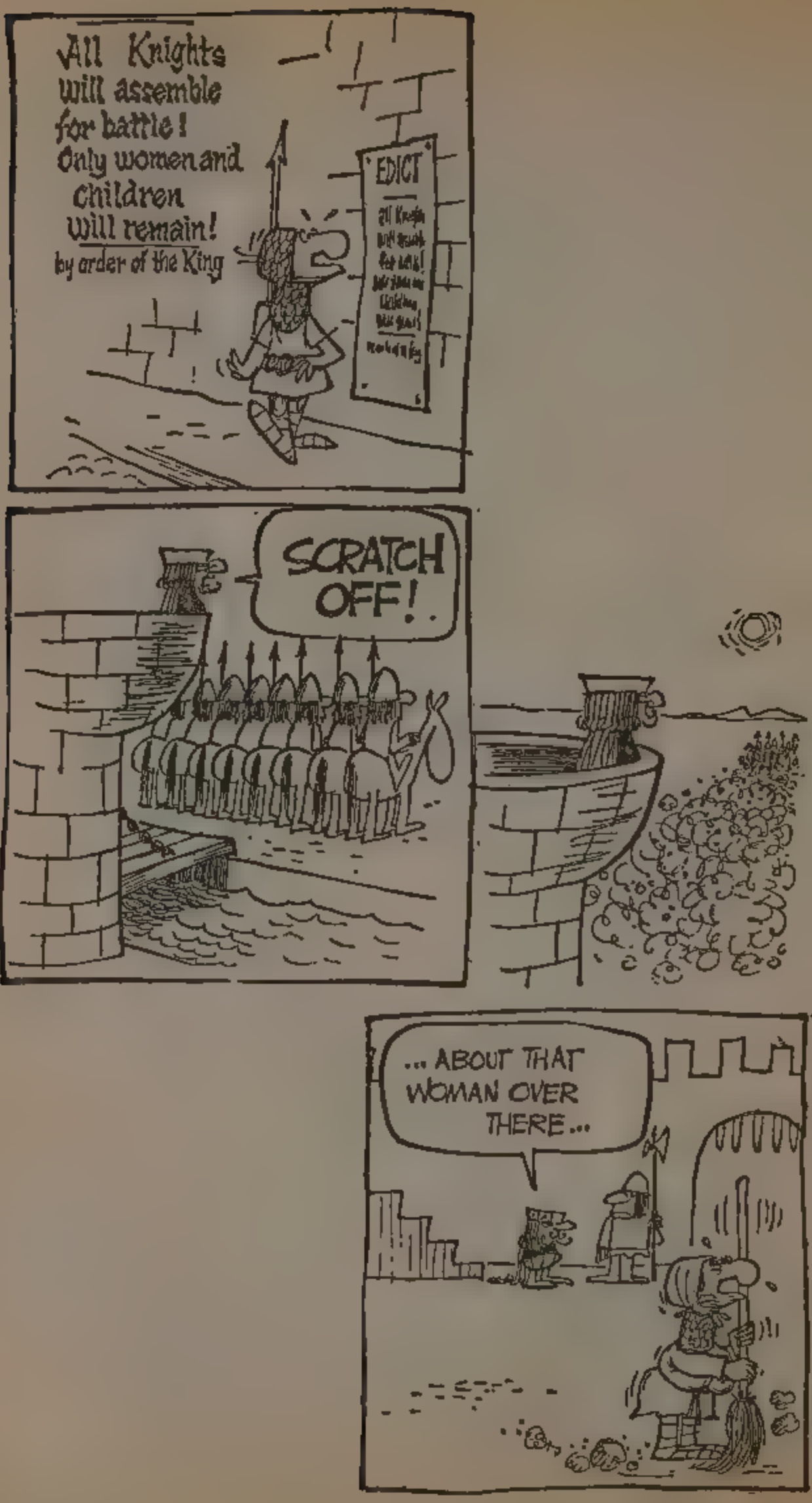

INTO EACH LIFE SOME RAIN MUST FALL.


THIS IS SERIOUS... STOP THE RAIN OR LOSE MY HEAD.
IF I MUST DIE ... THEN THEY SHALL SUFFER!
LET THERE BE RAIN FOR 20 YEARS!
OH, WIZARD, YOU HAVE SAVED US AGAIN!
SOMEWHERE IN MY MAGIC THERE IS A BASIC FLAW.

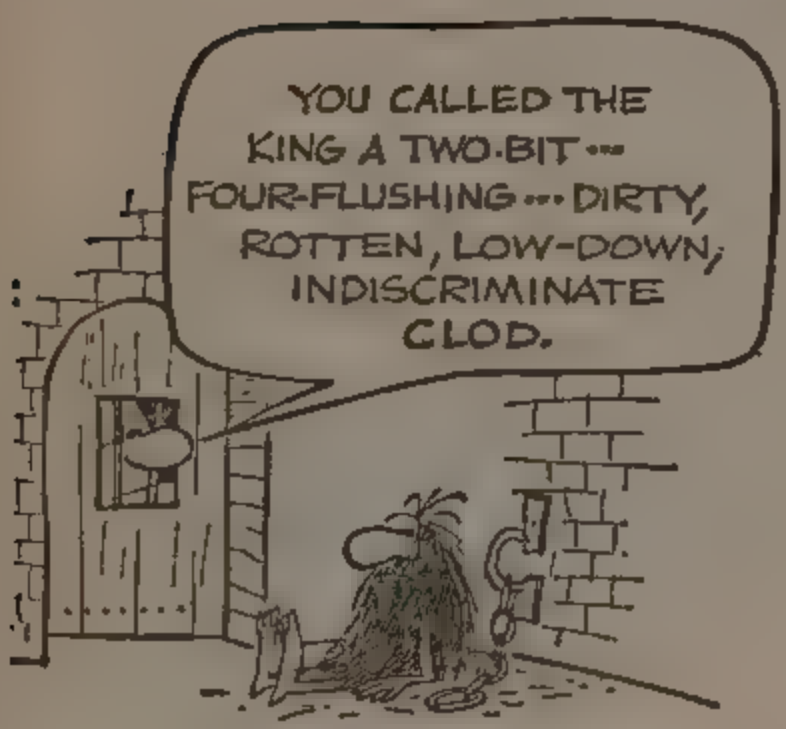

SIRE, THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN FROM THE LAND OF THE PYRAMIDS IS COMING TO VISIT US--
...HER ROYAL BARGE WILL BE ARRIVING SOON.
WHAT SHALL WE DO TO MAKE HER WELCOME?
HIDE ALL THE ASPS.


KEEP THE CASTLE CLEAN
HOLD ON THERE! YOU CAN BE THROWN IN IRONS FOR LITTERING!
PUT THAT TRASH IN THE NEAREST RECEPTACLE!


I UNDERSTAND YOU'VE BEEN CUTTING INTO MY TERRITORY.
IF THIS CONTINUES I WILL INFLICT GREAT MISERY INTO YOUR LIFE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING DOWN THERE?
YOU'RE TOO LATE.


All Knights will assemble for battle! Only women and children will remain! by order of the King
EDICT
SCRATCH OFF!
... ABOUT THAT WOMAN OVER THERE...

HEY, TURNKEY... DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT I'M IN HERE FOR?

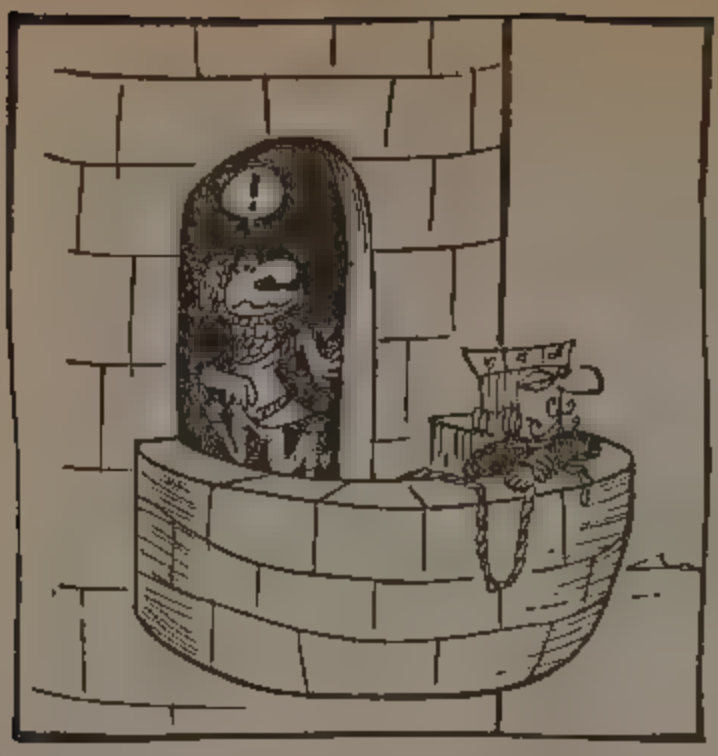

YOU CALLED THE KING A TWO-BIT... FOUR-FLUSHING... DIRTY, ROTTEN, LOW-DOWN, INDISCRIMINATE CLOD.

HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN IN?
THIRTY-FOUR YEARS.

...THAT TWO-BIT... FOUR-FLUSHING... DIRTY, ROTTEN...

HEY, TURNKEY! OPEN THE DOOR... THE KING WANTS ME!
SEE. YOU.
JAILBREAK!

SIRE, THE SPOOK HAS ESCAPED!
THE WHAT?
THE SPOOK, SIRE! ... THE PRISONER.
WELL, FIND HIM, NINNY.
THE SPOOK IS OUT!
GUARDS GUARDS
GET THE SPOOK!
A WORD WITH YOU, SIRE.
WHAT A TIME TO FIND A TALKING DOG.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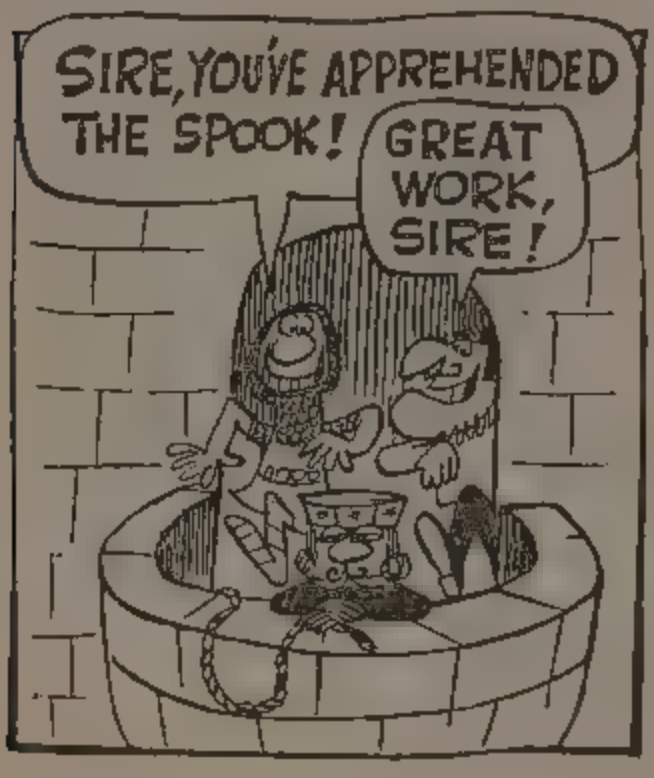
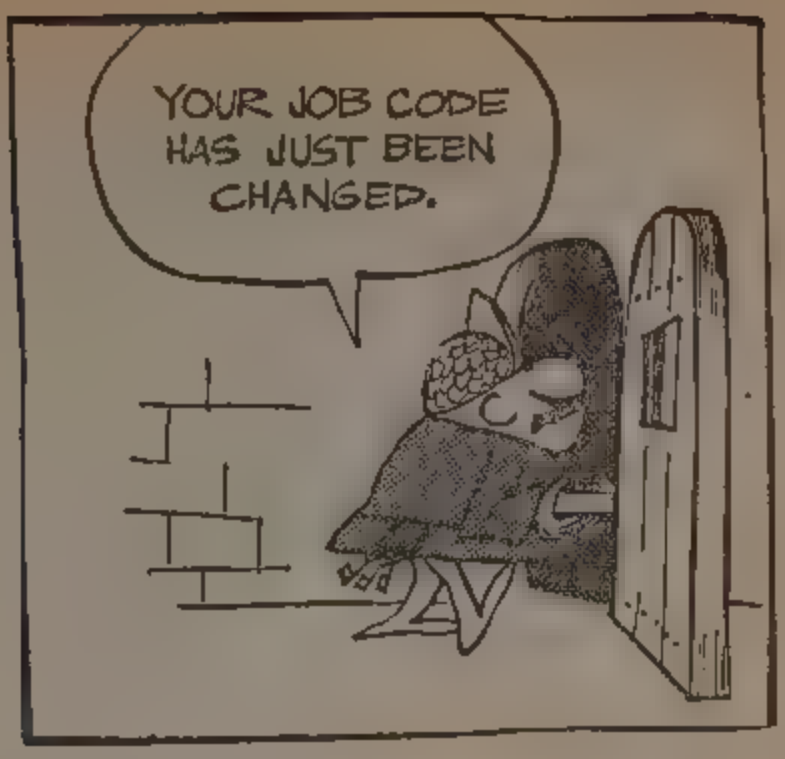
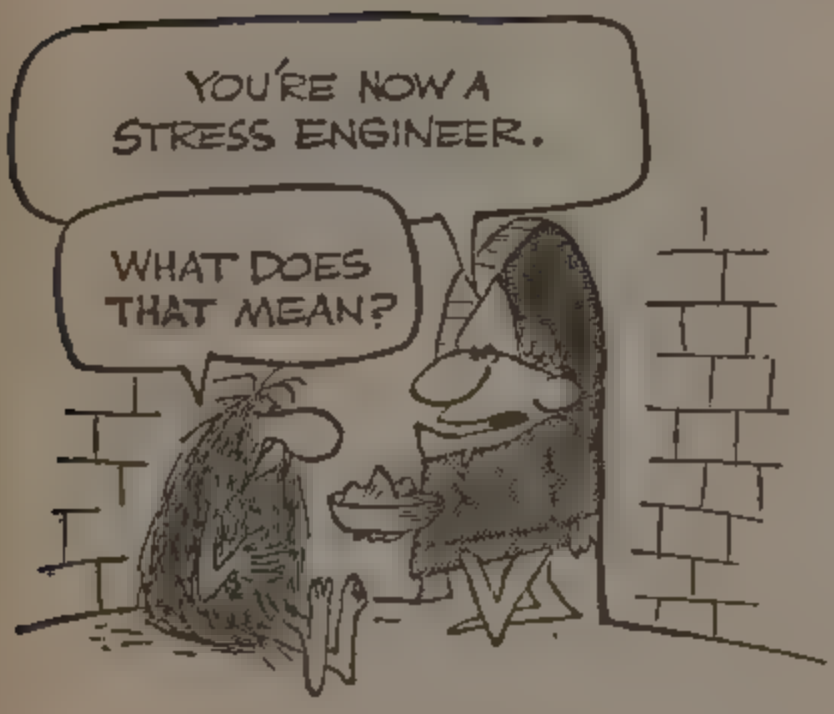
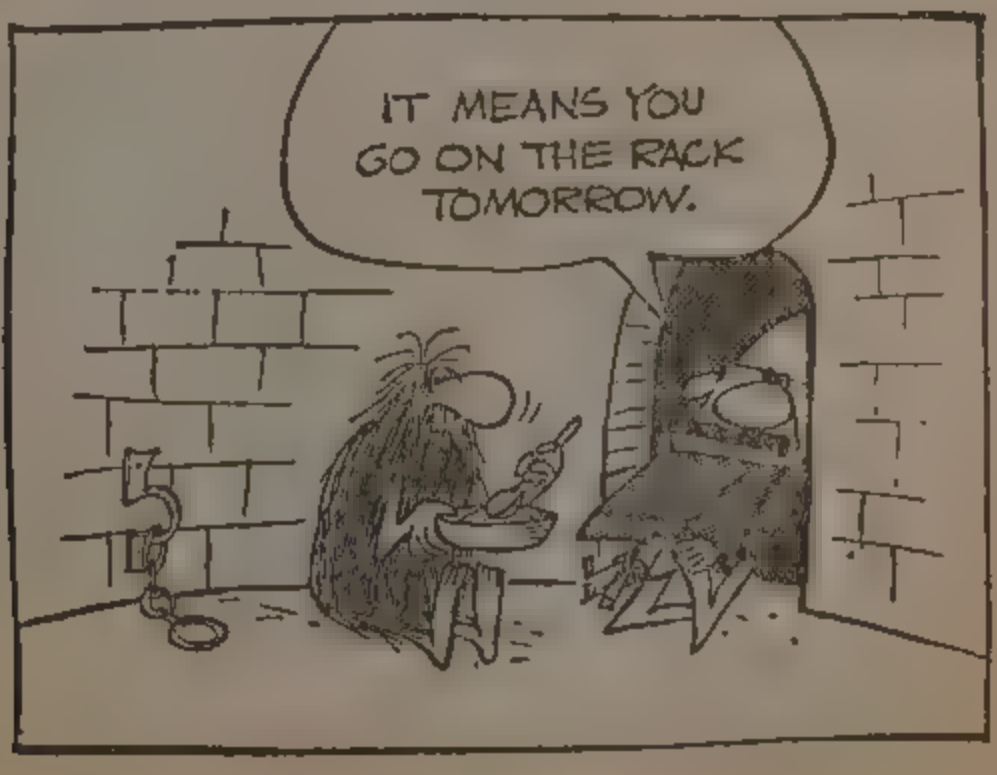

SIRE, YOU'VE APPREHENDED THE SPOOK!
GREAT WORK, SIRE!

WHERE?
RIGHT THERE!

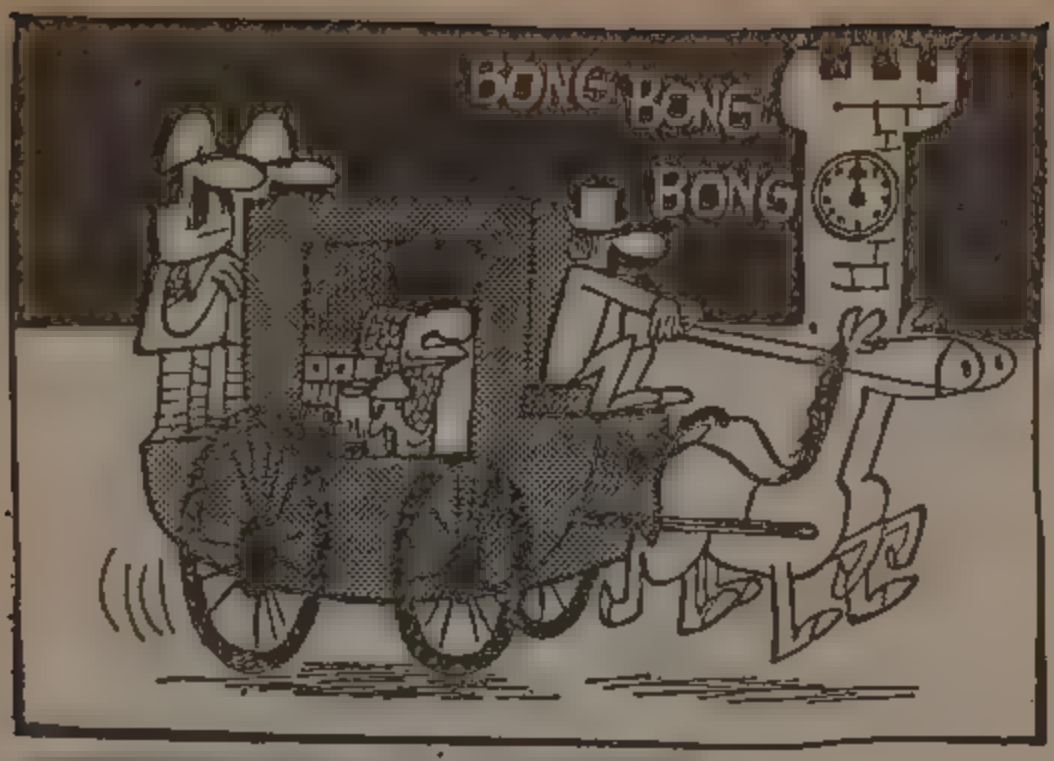
LET'S SEE YOU TALK YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS ONE, FIDO.
WOOF.


YOUR JOB CODE HAS JUST BEEN CHANGED.


YOU'RE NOW A STRESS ENGINEER.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?


IT MEANS YOU GO ON THE RACK TOMORROW.

HEY, TURNKEY! HOW'D YOU GET THIS JOB?
I HAD TO TAKE A TEST WITH A BUNCH OF GUYS.
HOW DID YOU DO ON THE TEST?
I FAILED.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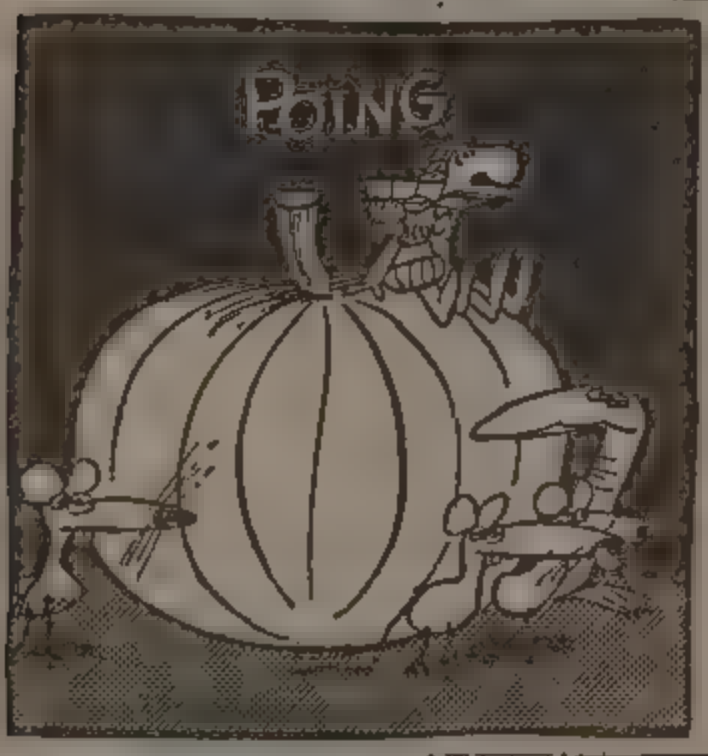
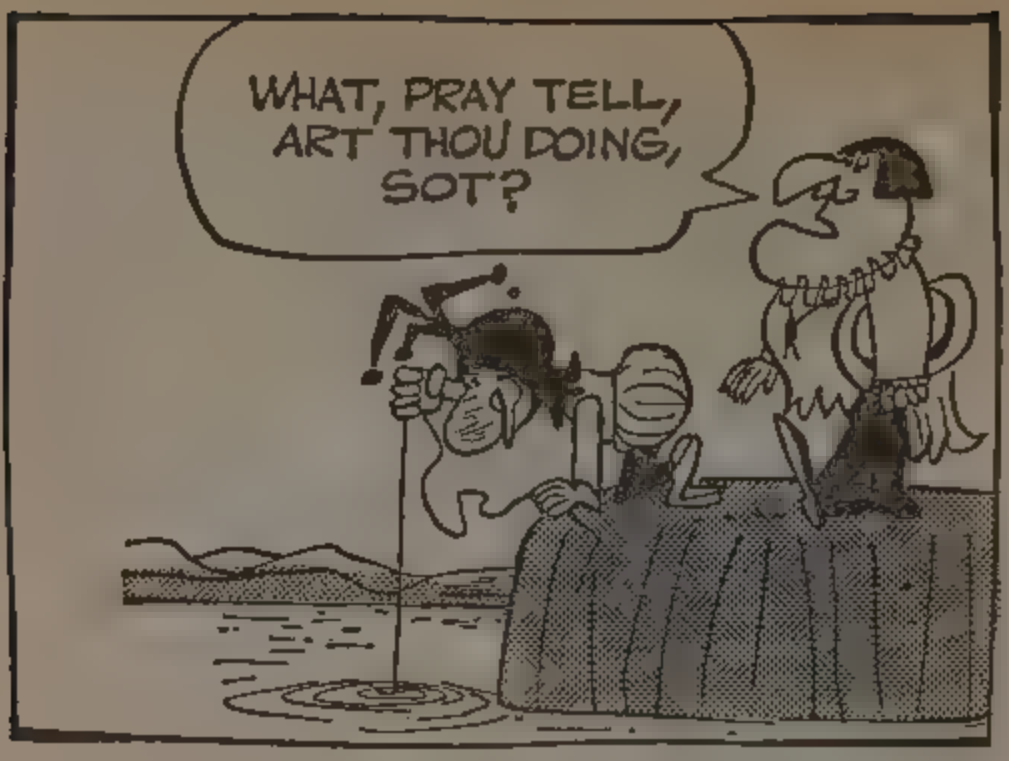
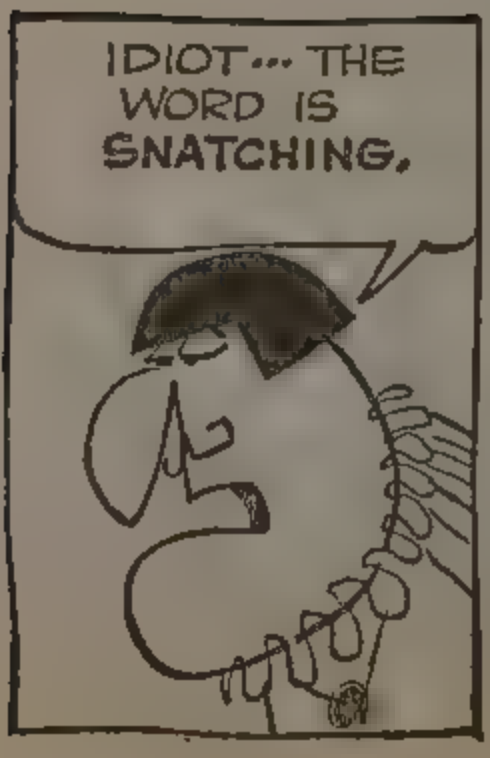
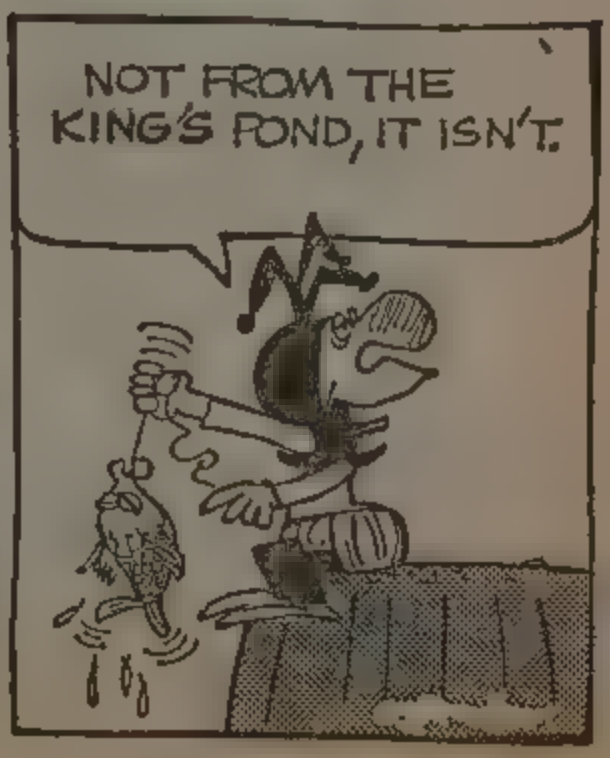

BOING

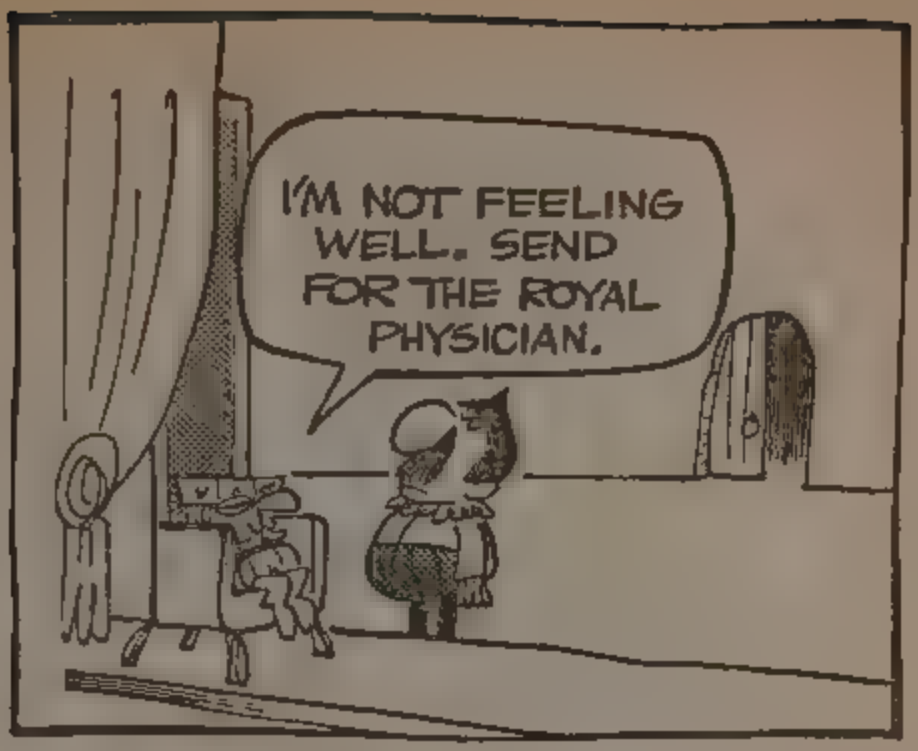
THAT'S THE LAST TIME I BORROW THE WIZARD'S COACH.

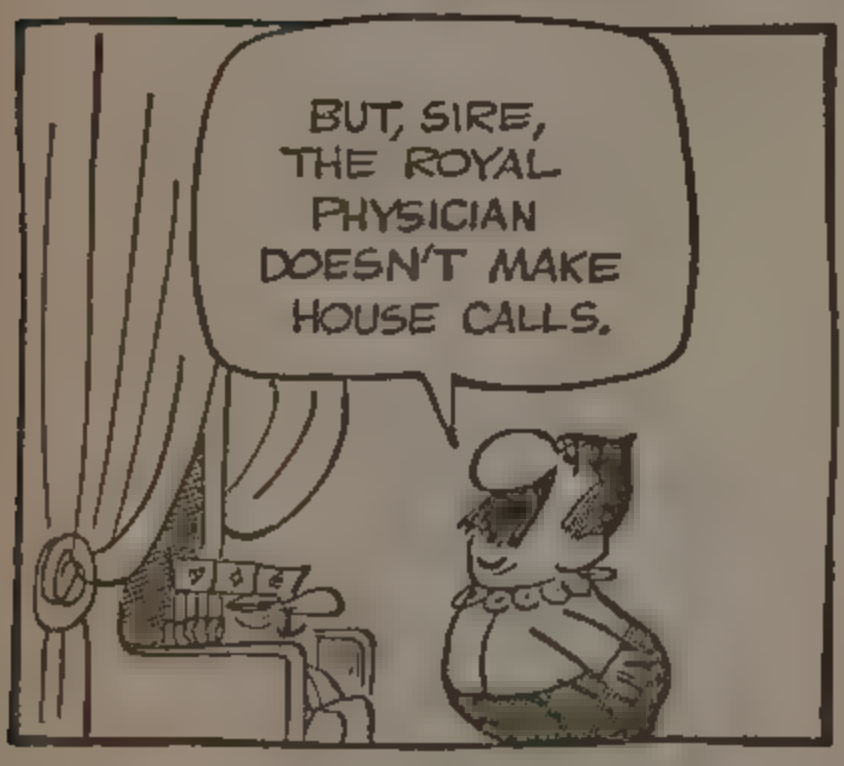

WHAT, PRAY TELL, ART THOU DOING, SOT?

SNITCHING FISH, SIRE.


IDIOT... THE WORD IS SNATCHING.

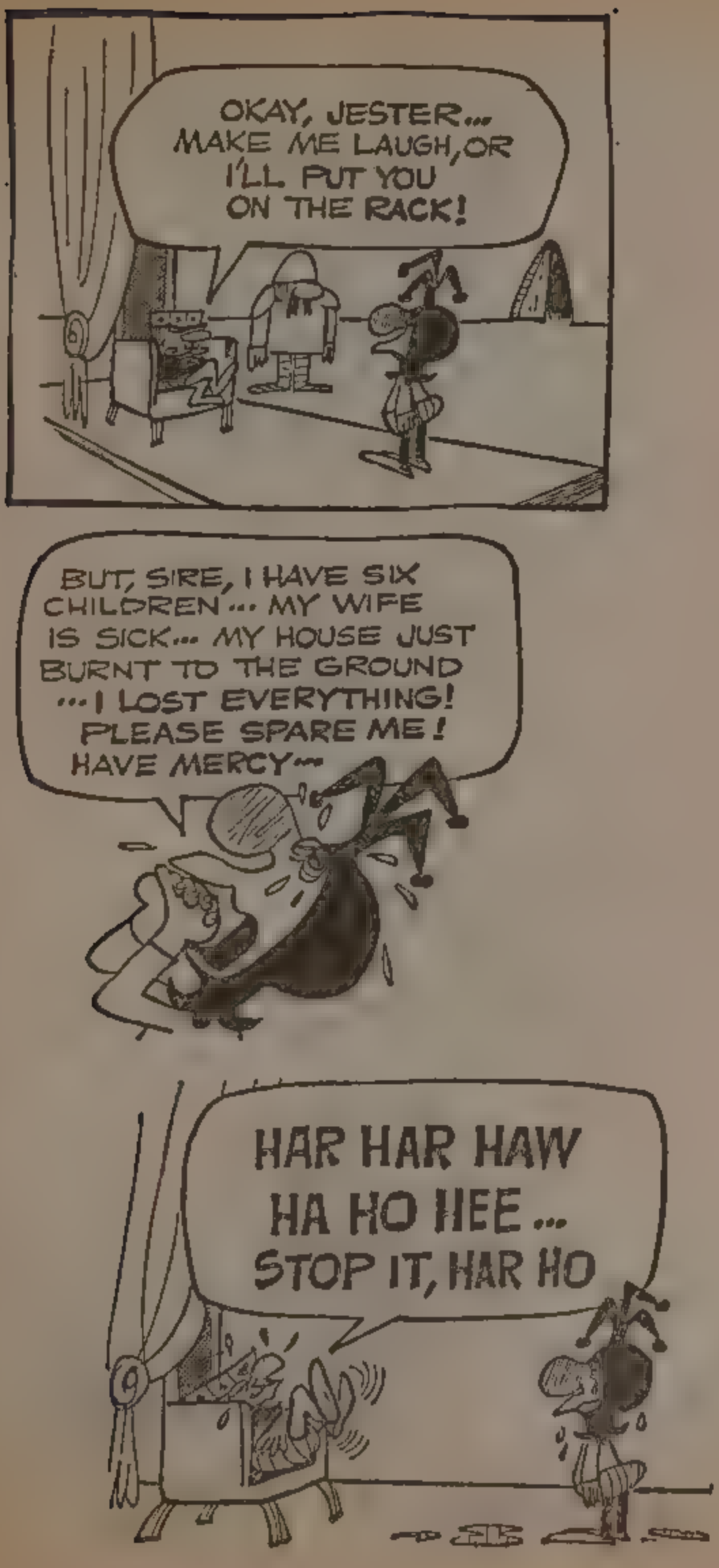

NOT FROM THE KING'S POND, IT ISN'T.


I'M NOT FEELING WELL. SEND FOR THE ROYAL PHYSICIAN.

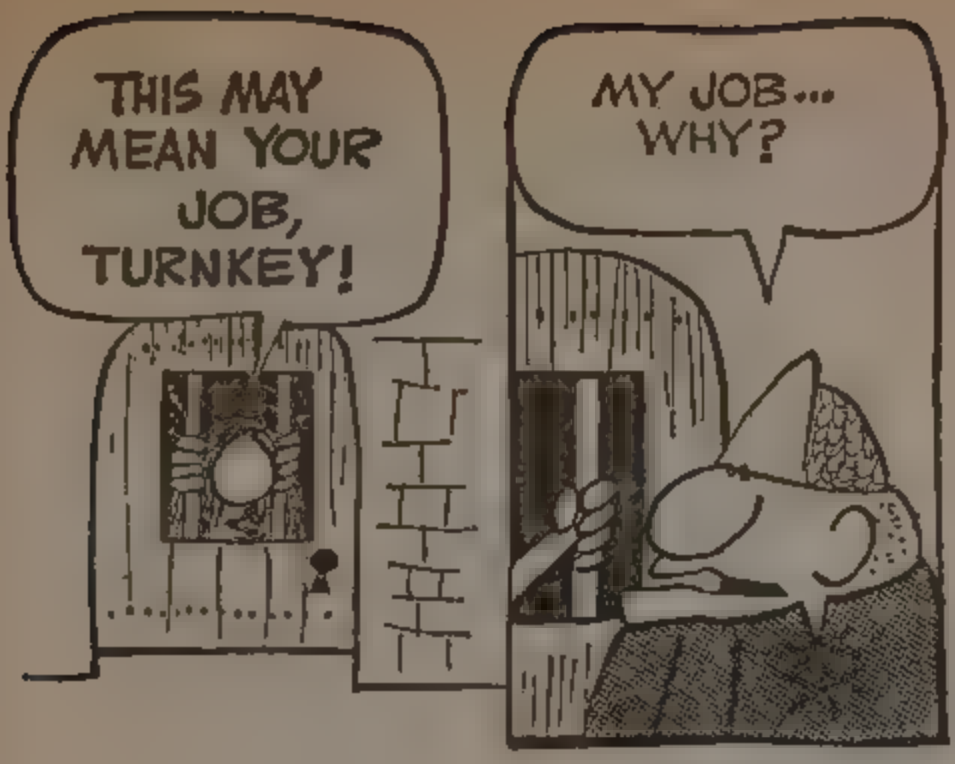

BUT, SIRE, THE ROYAL PHYSICIAN DOESN'T MAKE HOUSE CALLS.

TELL HIM THE ROYAL EXECUTIONER DOES.

SIRE, I NEED THREE DAYS OFF FOR THE 42ND ANNUAL WIZARDS' CONVENTION.
WHAT DO YOU USUALLY DO AT THESE CONVENTIONS, WIZ?
DRINK WILD POTIONS AND CAVORT WITH LUSCIOUS MAIDENS.
KEEP AN EYE ON THE THRONE, KID.


OKAY, JESTER... MAKE ME LAUGH, OR I'LL PUT YOU ON THE RACK!
BUT, SIRE, I HAVE SIX CHILDREN... MY WIFE IS SICK... MY HOUSE JUST BURNT TO THE GROUND ...I LOST EVERYTHING! PLEASE SPARE ME! HAVE MERCY...
HAR HAR HAW HA HO HEE... STOP IT, HAR HO

THERE'S A FLY IN MY SWILL!
SO WHAT?
I ORDERED A COCKROACH!

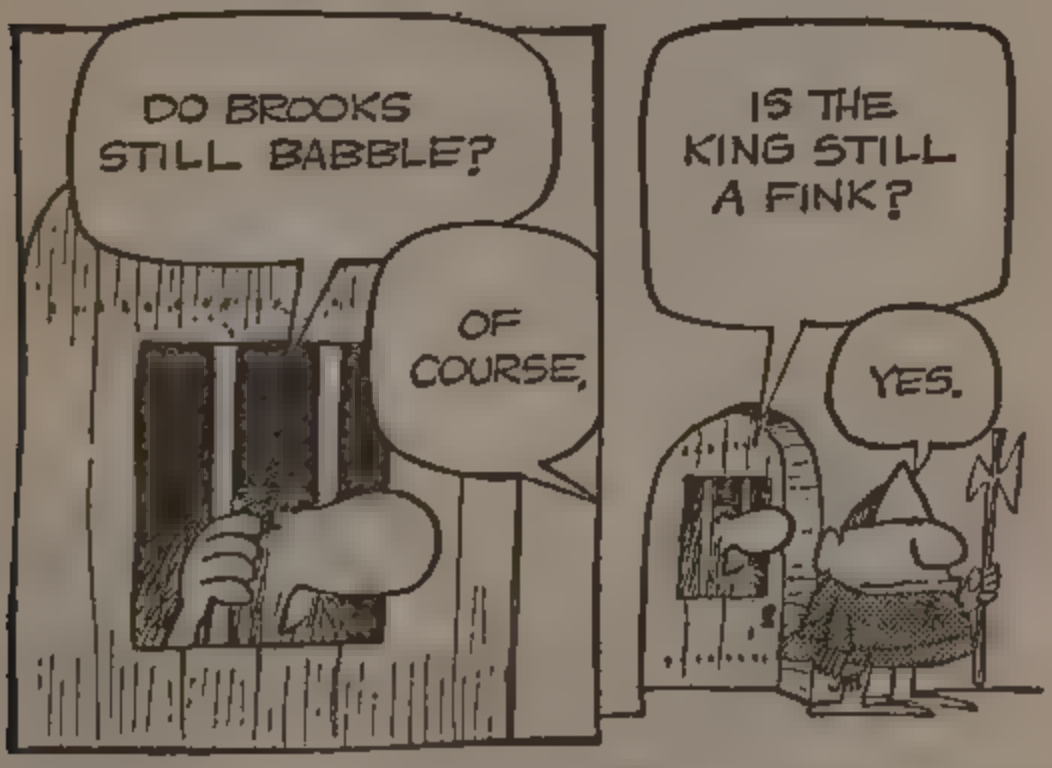

THIS MAY MEAN YOUR JOB, TURNKEY!
MY JOB... WHY?

THERE ARE THREE RATS IN HERE WITHOUT PASSES.

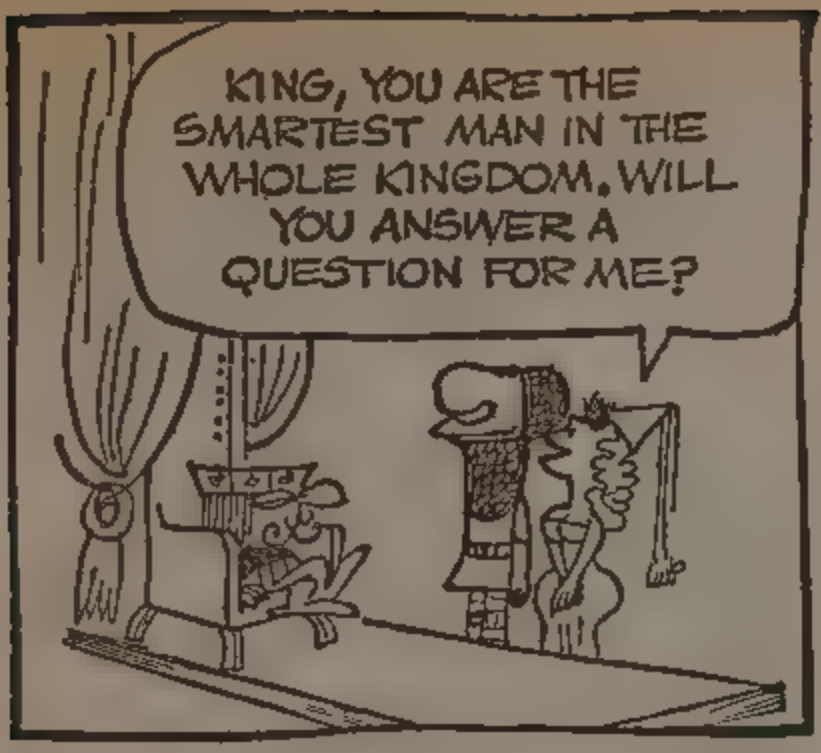
WHEN'S VISITORS' DAY?
TODAY.

I HAVE YOUR QUEEN.
I HAVE YOUR BISHOP.
ALL YOU HAVE LEFT IS ONE LOUSY KING.
THAT'S THE STORY OF MY LIFE.

SAY, TURNKEY... DOES A STREAM STILL GURGLE... AND DOES THE WIND STILL WHISTLE?
CERTAINLY.

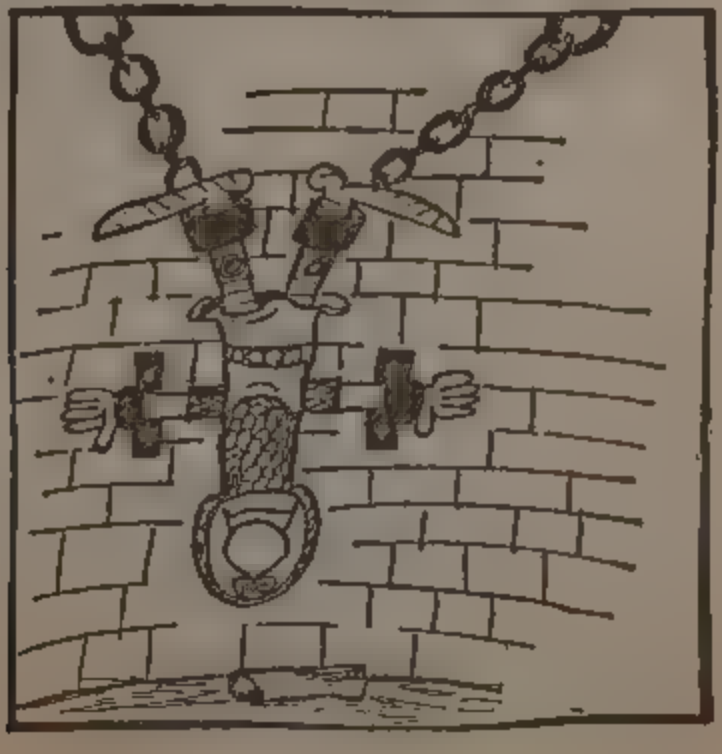

DO BROOKS STILL BABBLE?
OF COURSE,
IS THE KING STILL A FINK?
YES.

I'VE JUST HEARD THE NEWS ... IT'S WAR!
I'D DO ANYTHING IF IT MEANT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO, MY LOVE!
WRITE ME.

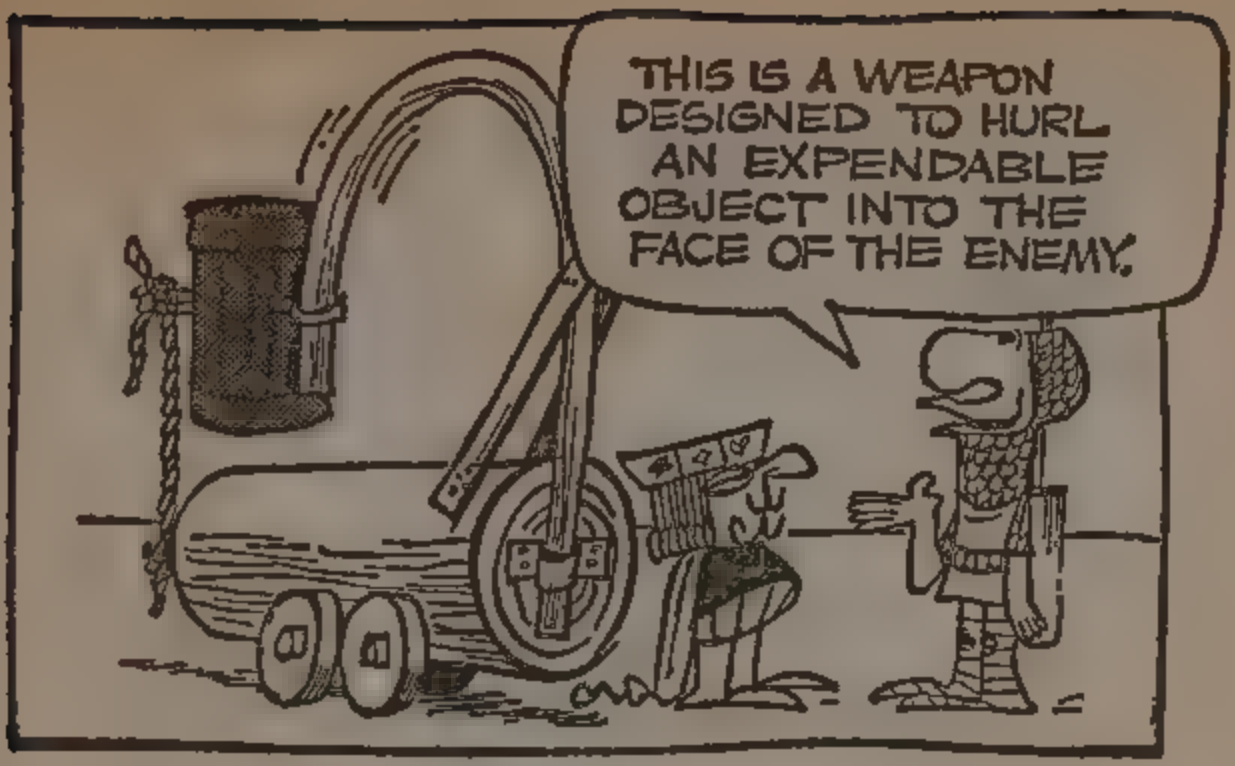

KING, YOU ARE THE SMARTEST MAN IN THE WHOLE KINGDOM. WILL YOU ANSWER A QUESTION FOR ME?

CERTAINLY, MY DEAR, WHAT IS IT?

WHAT'S A FINK?



A FRIEND!
NOW WHAT DID I SAY?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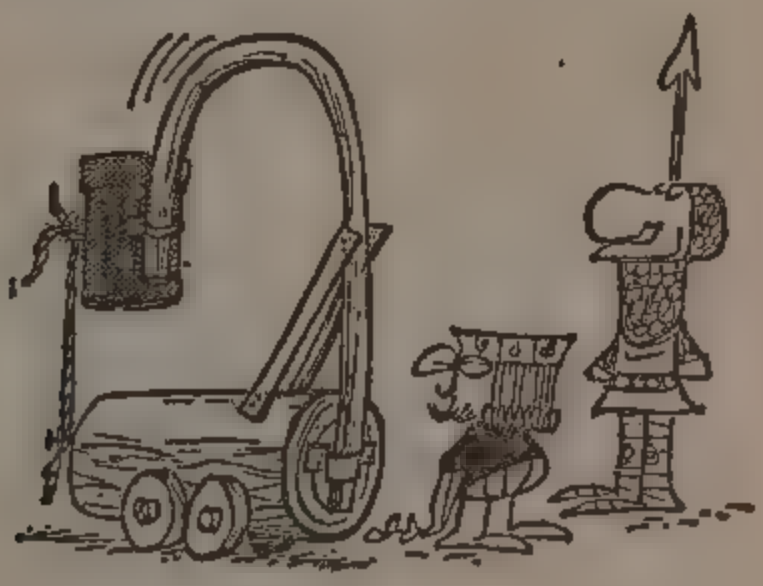

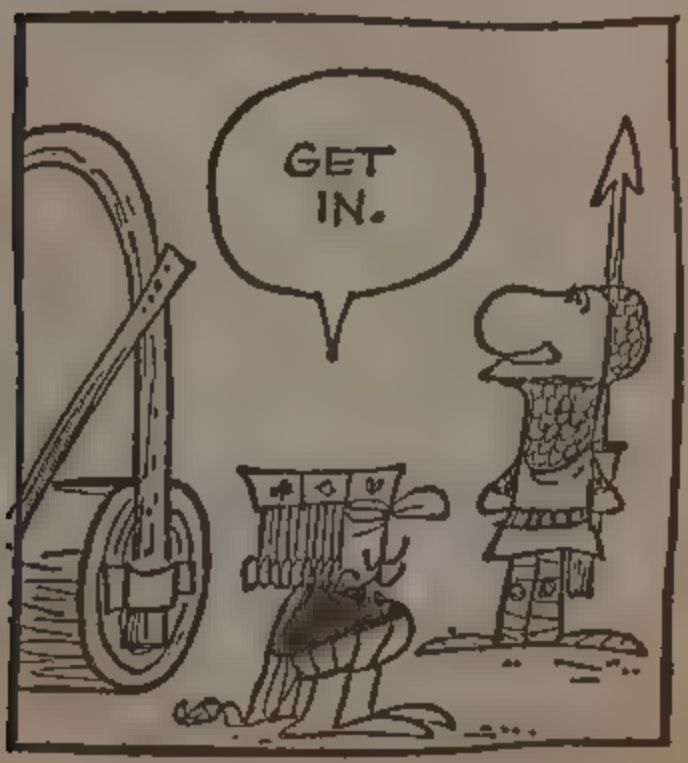
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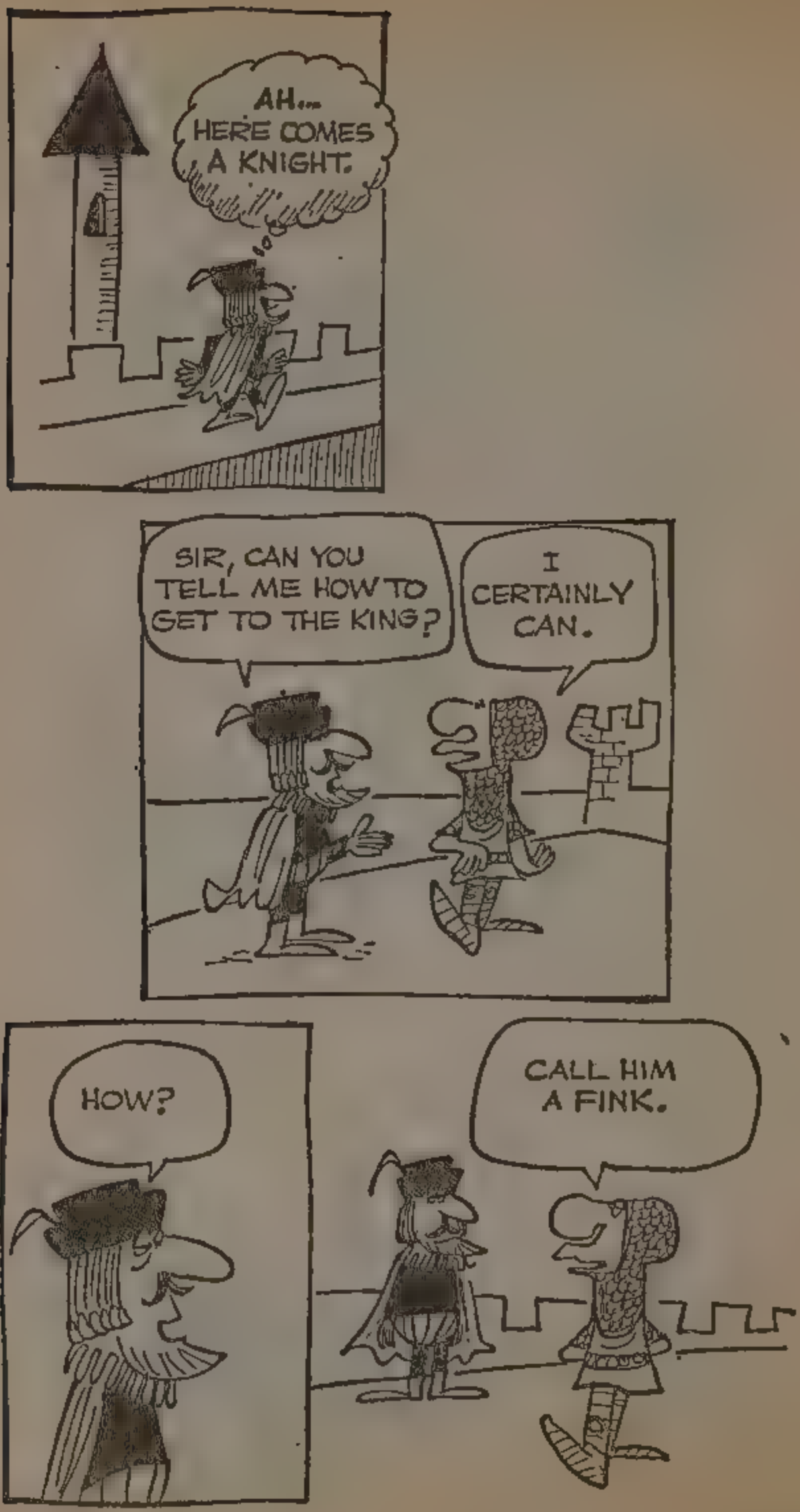
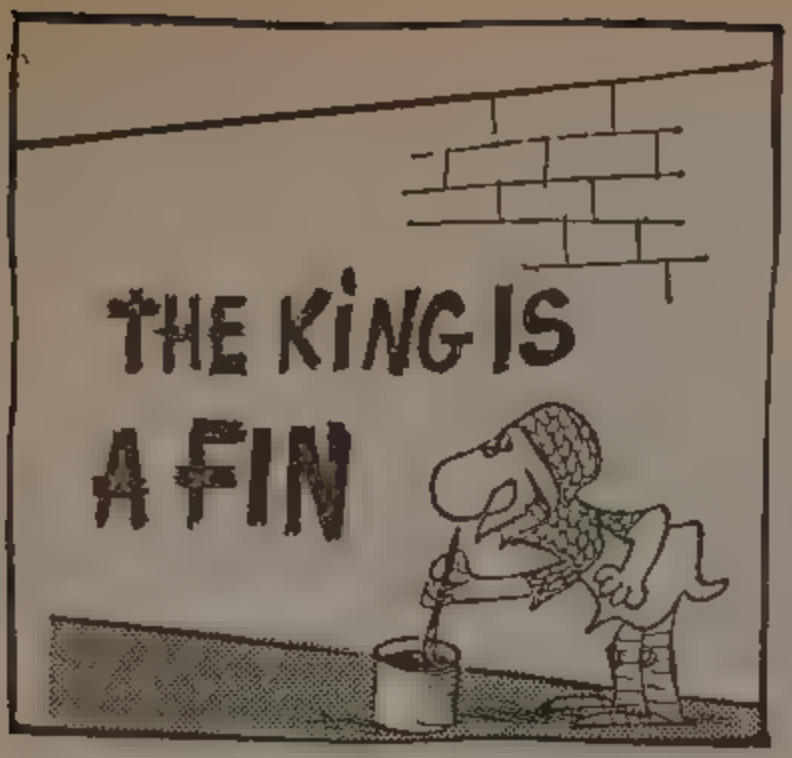

AH... HERE COMES A KNIGHT.
SIR, CAN YOU TELL ME HOW TO GET TO THE KING?
I CERTAINLY CAN.
HOW?
CALL HIM A FINK.

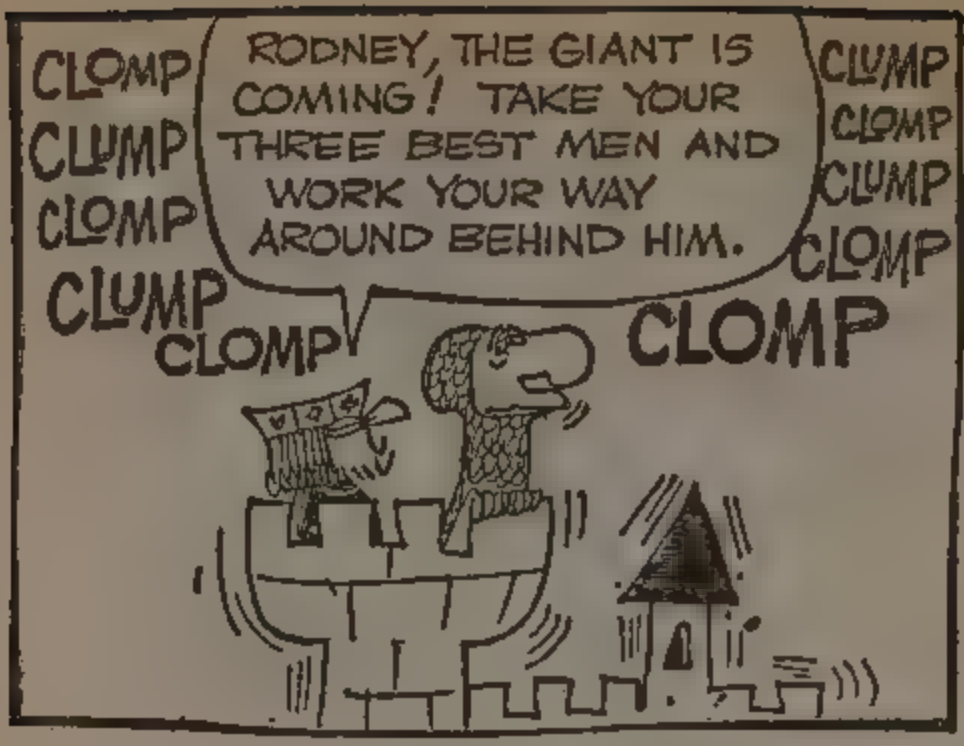

THE KING IS
A FIN

G IS
IN!

THE KING IS
A FINE
FELLOW

HEY, TURNKEY! HOW COME THEY CALL THE KING'S CHAIR A THRONE?
'CAUSE EVERY TIME YOU WALK UP TO IT YOU GET THRONE IN THE DUNGEON ... HAW HAR HEE HOO HOO ...
KAZANG

HEY, TURNKEY... I HEAR YOU'RE HOLDING DOWN TWO JOBS.
LOOK, WHEN A MAN WANTS THE FINER THINGS IN LIFE, A LITTLE EXTRA TOIL DON'T BOTHER HIM.
WHY, JUST LAST WEEK I BOUGHT A BRAND NEW HARDWOOD, FRENCH PROVINCIAL, FOUR POSTER, DOWNY-MATTRESSED DOUBLE BED.
WONDERFUL... HOW'S IT SLEEP?
WHO SLEEPS?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RODNEY, THE GIANT IS COMING! TAKE YOUR THREE BEST MEN AND WORK YOUR WAY AROUND BEHIND HIM.
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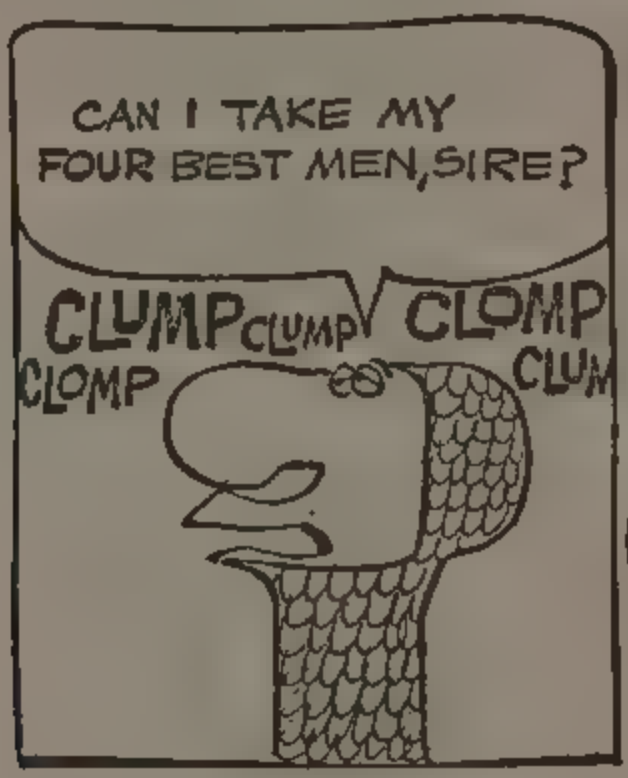
CAN I TAKE MY FOUR BEST MEN, SIRE?
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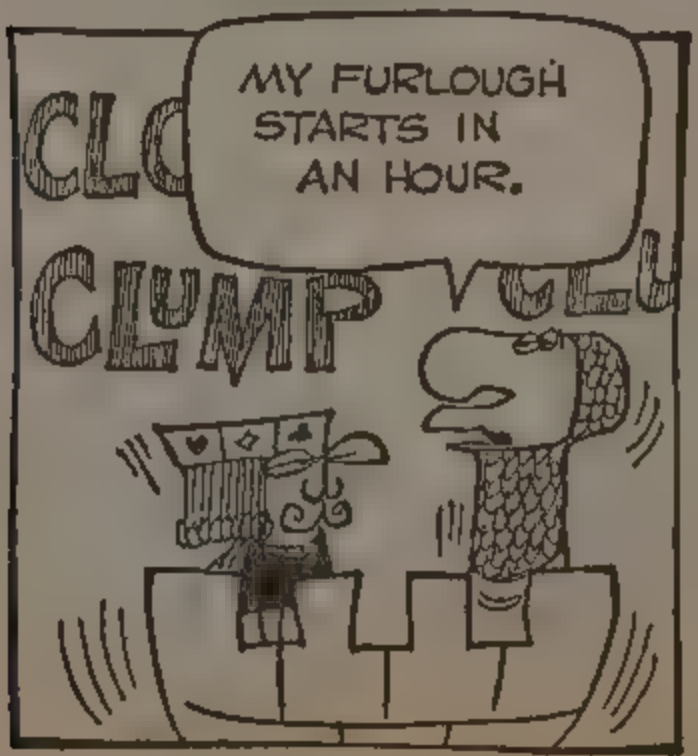
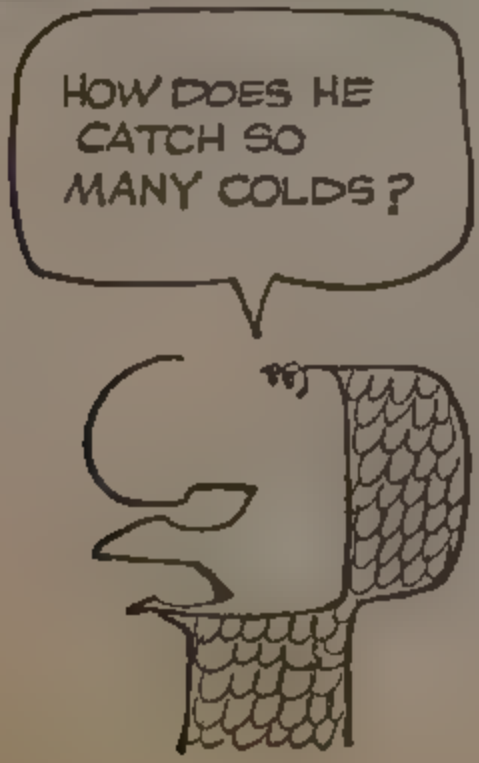
WHY?


MY FURLOUGH STARTS IN AN HOUR.
CLUMP

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WIZARD?

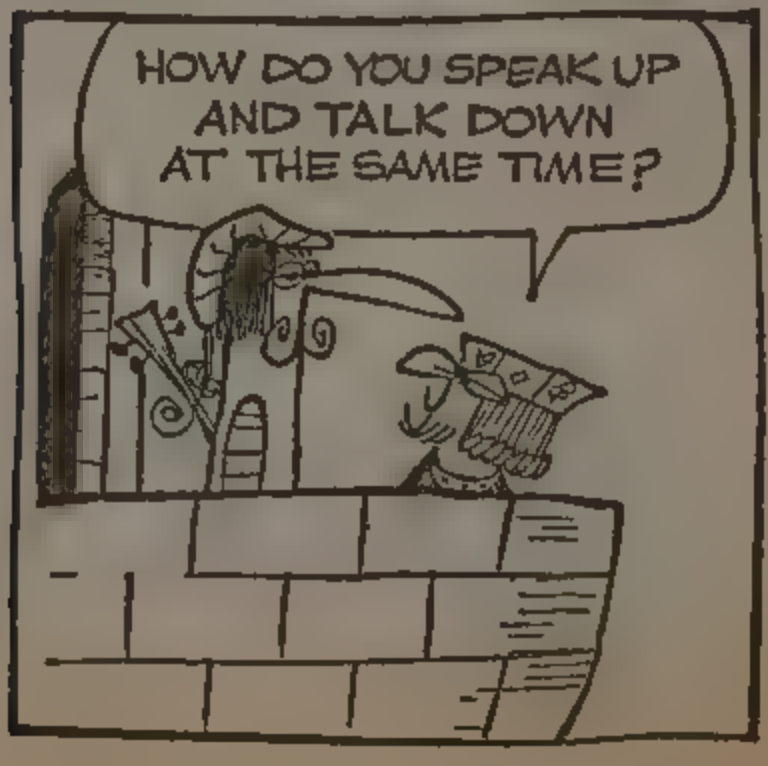
HE HAS A COLD.


HOW DOES HE CATCH SO MANY COLDS?

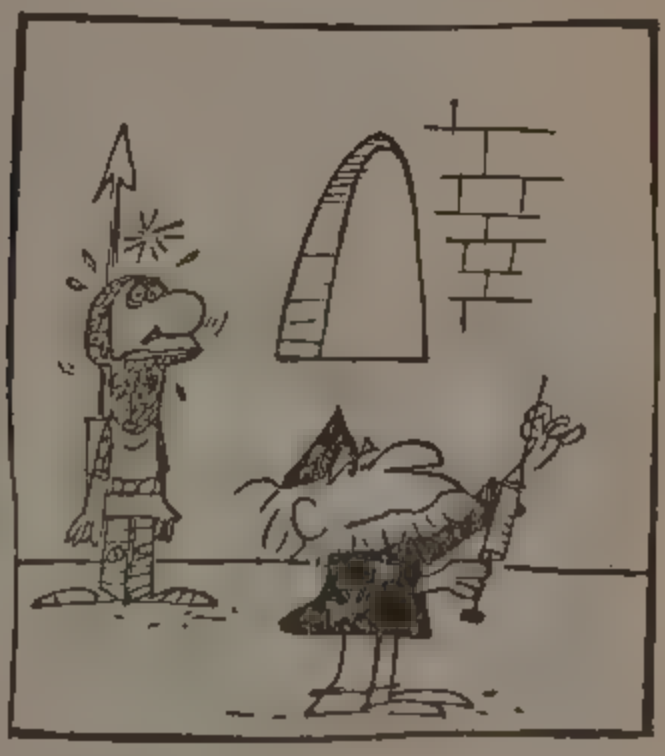
I MARRIED A DRAFT!

SERFS, PEASANTS AND VASSALS...

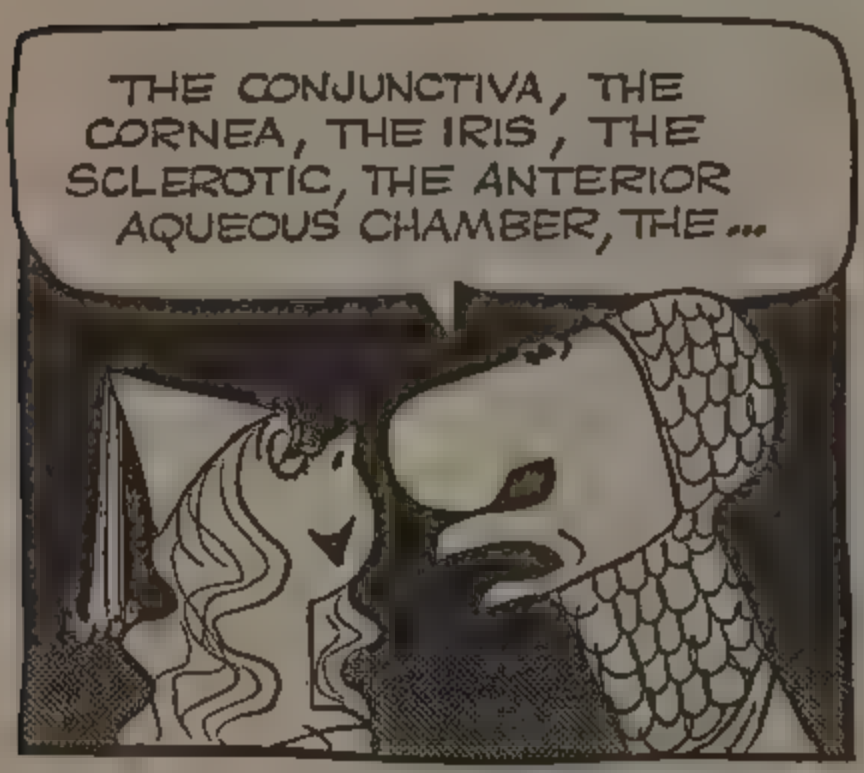
SPEAK UP! WE CAN'T HEAR YOU!


HOW DO YOU SPEAK UP AND TALK DOWN AT THE SAME TIME?

WIZ, I NEED SOMETHING TO MAKE ME BRAVE, FEARLESS AND COURAGEOUS.



LOOK INTO MY EYES, RODNEY... TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE.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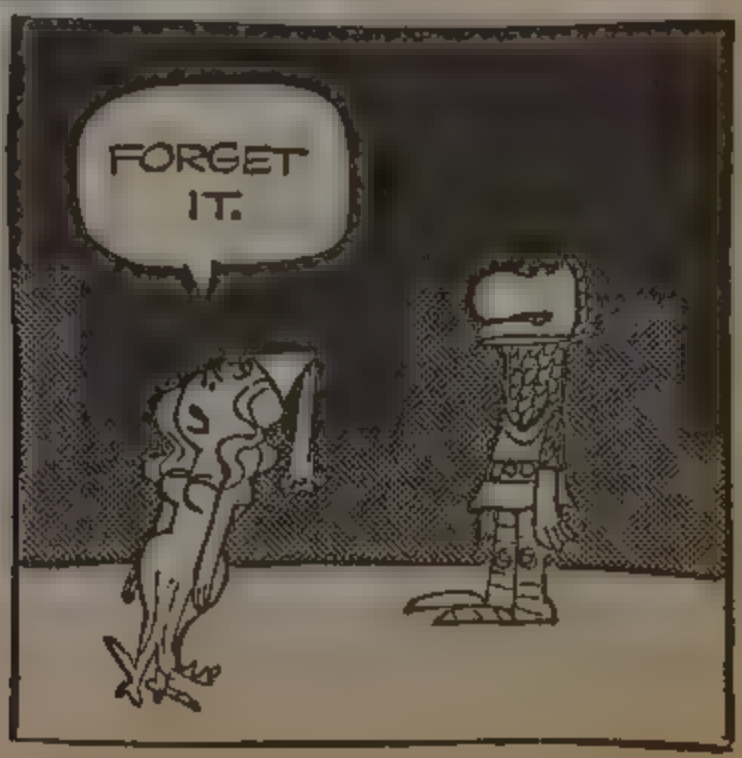
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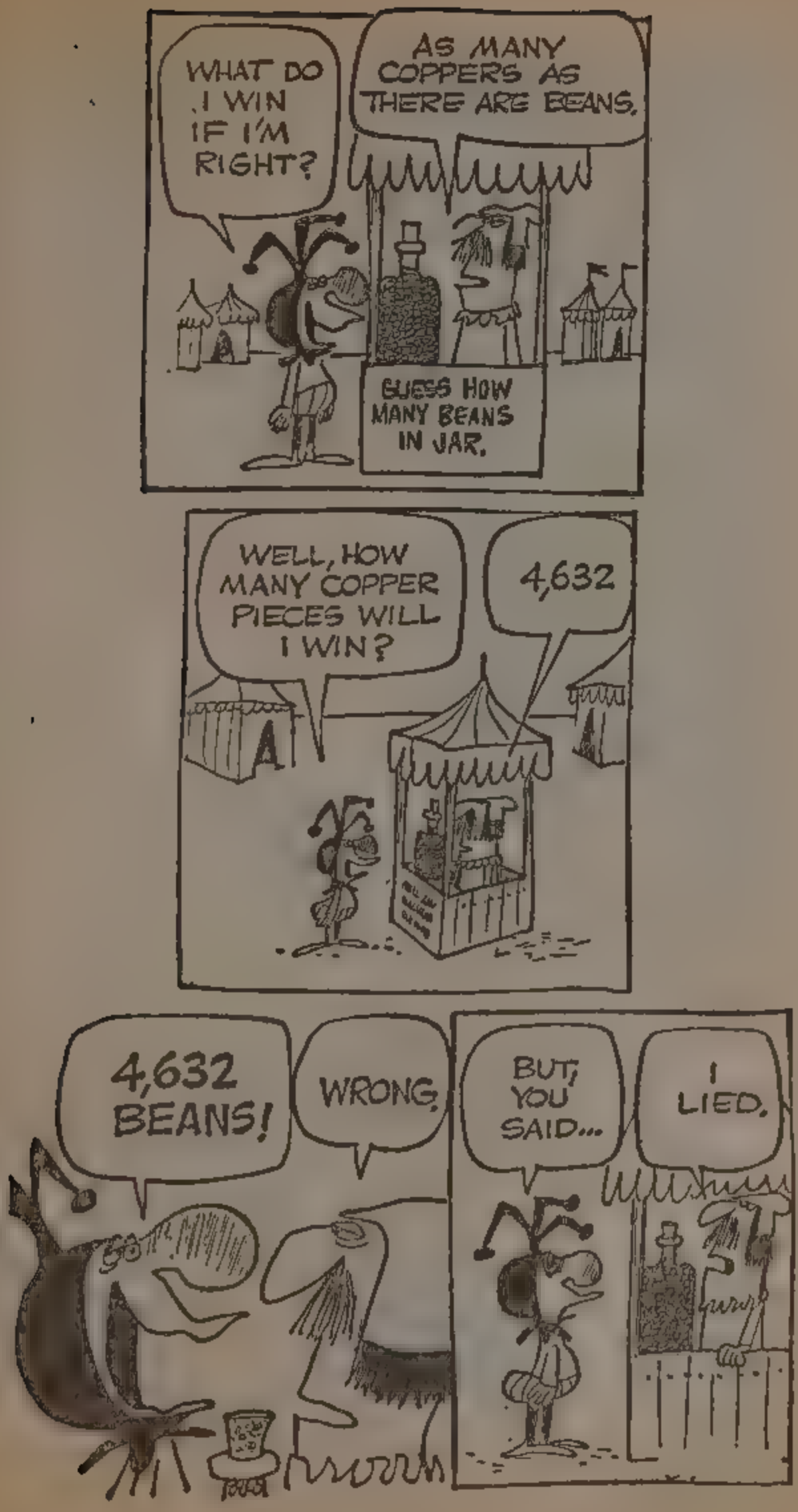
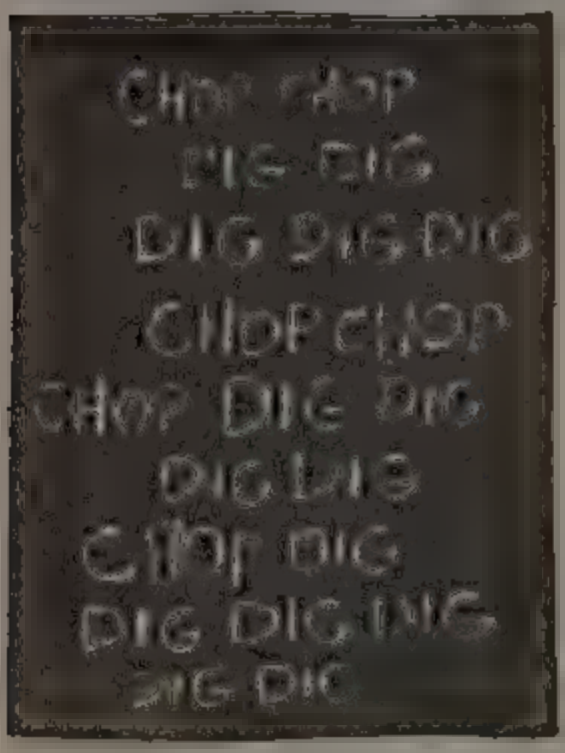

WHAT DO I WIN IF I'M RIGHT?
AS MANY COPPERS AS THERE ARE BEANS.
GUESS HOW MANY BEANS IN JAR.
WELL, HOW MANY COPPER PIECES WILL I WIN?
4,632
4,632 BEANS!
WRONG.
BUT, YOU SAID...
I LIED.


CHOP CHOP
DIG DIG
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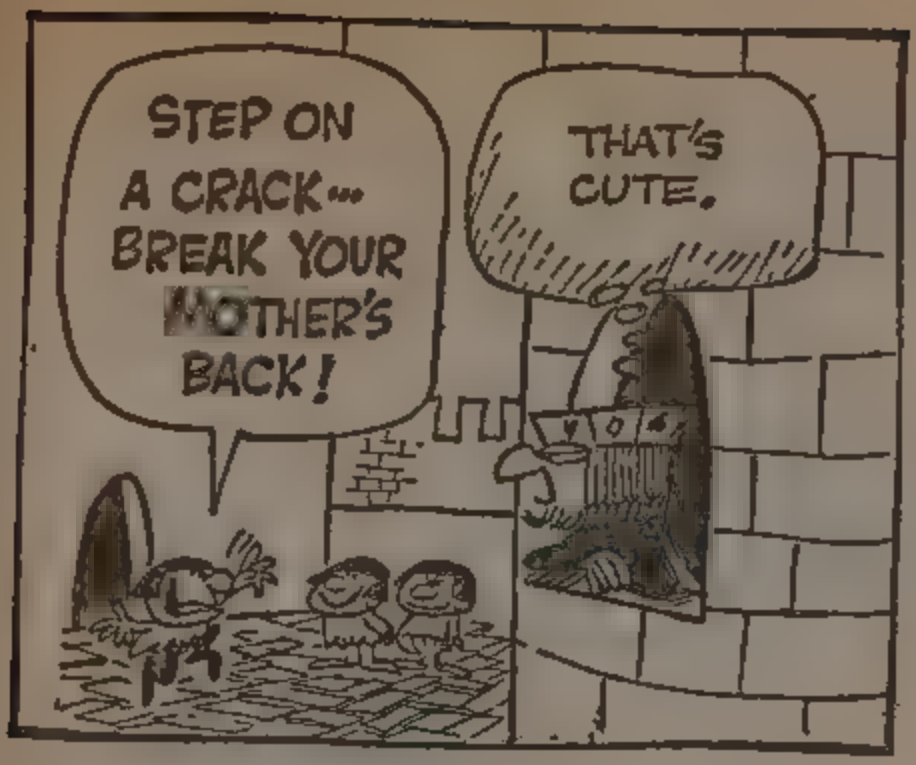
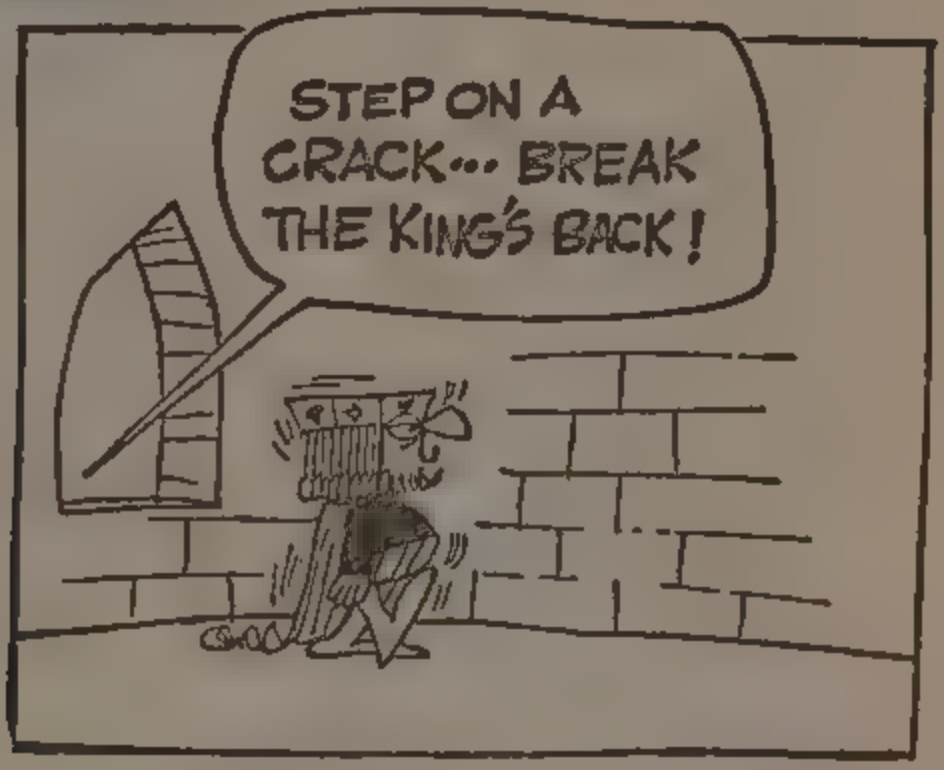
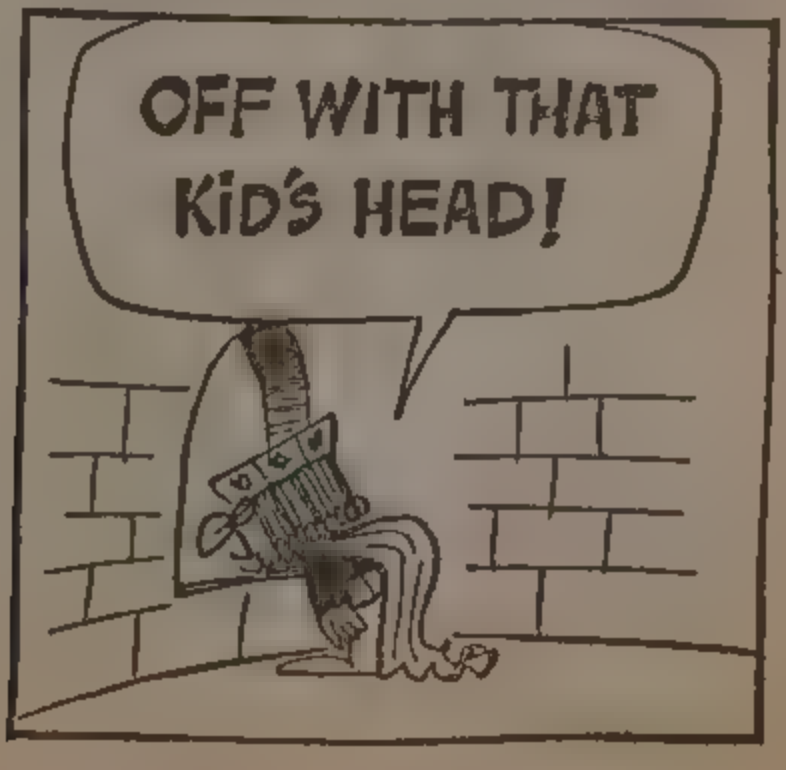
WANNA BUY A SHOVEL?


STEP ON A CRACK... BREAK YOUR MOTHER'S BACK!
THAT'S CUTE.

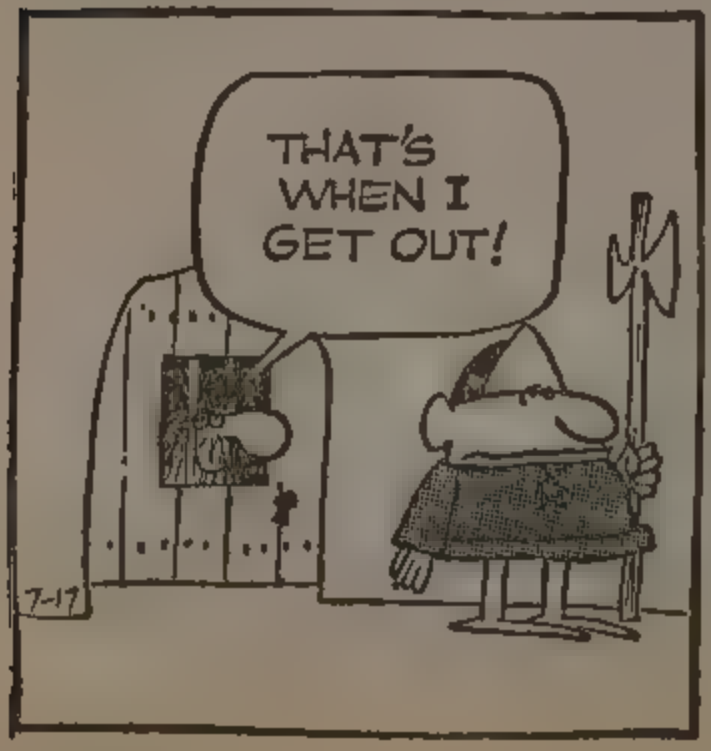

STEP ON A CRACK... BREAK THE KING'S BACK!

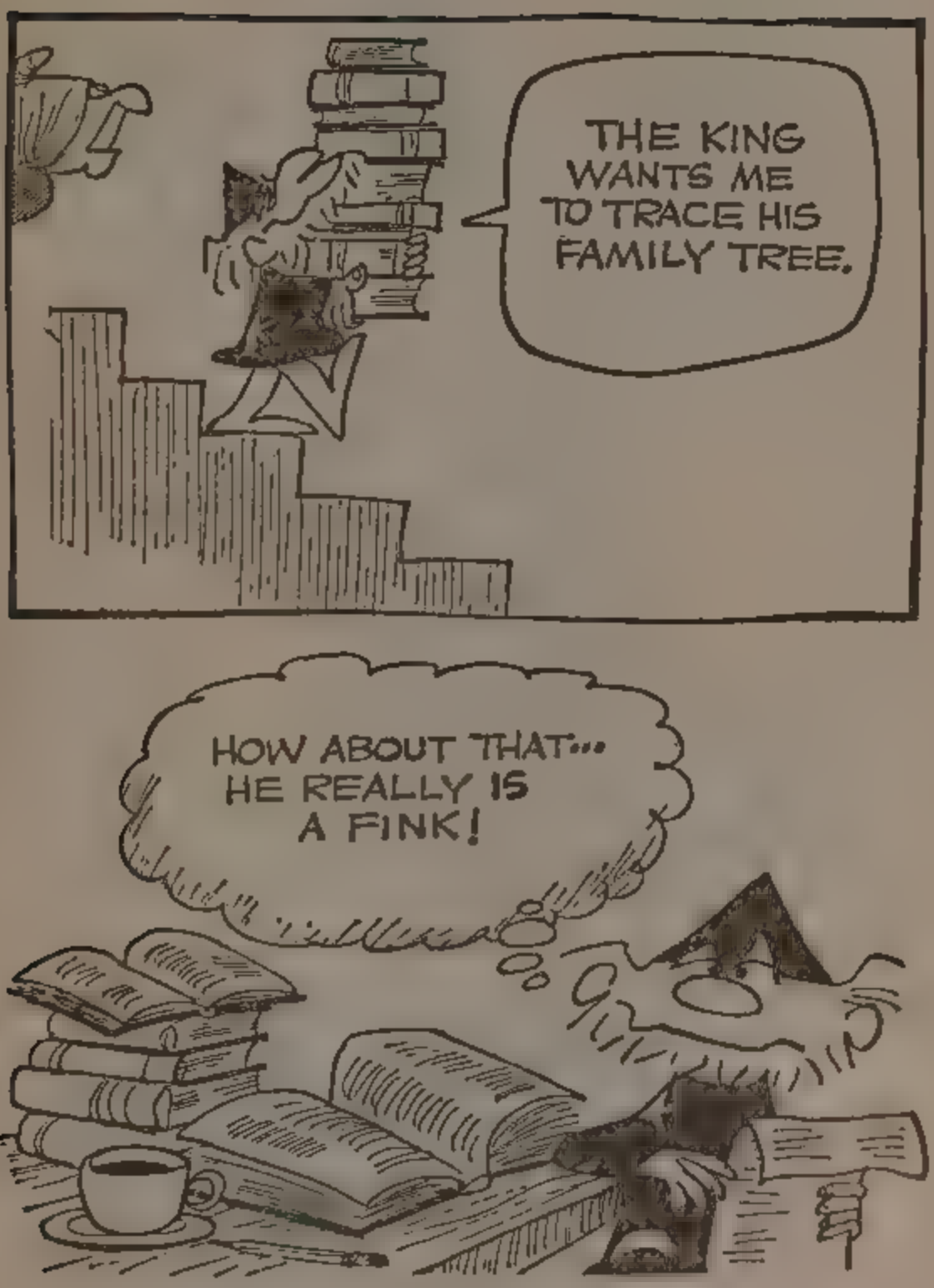

OFF WITH THAT KID'S HEAD!

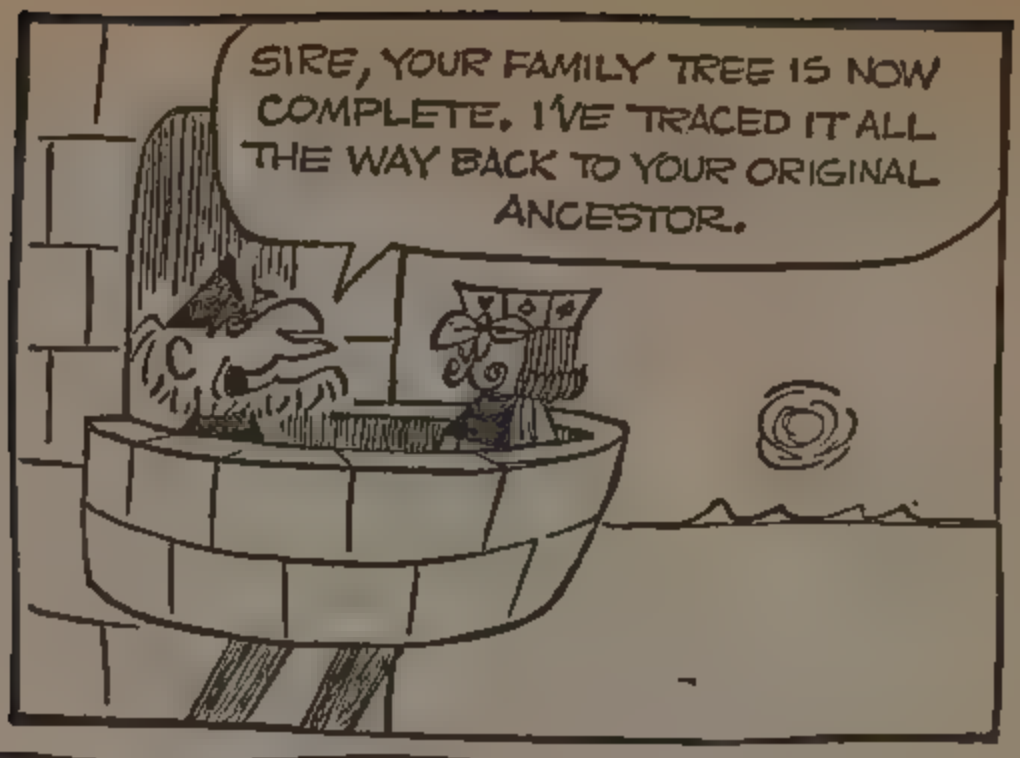
HEY, TURNKEY! WHEN DO YOU RETIRE?

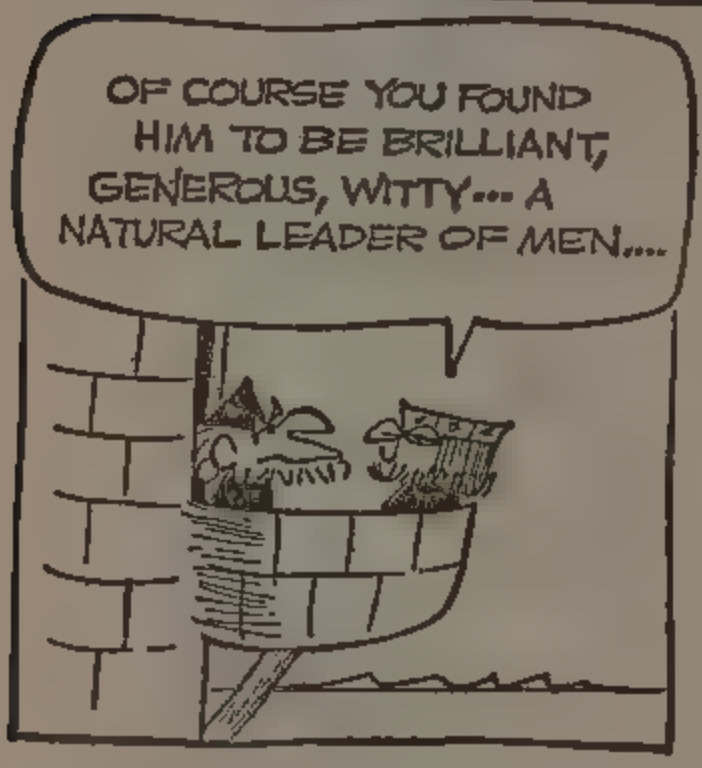
IN EXACTLY 16 YEARS, 3 MONTHS AND 2 DAYS!

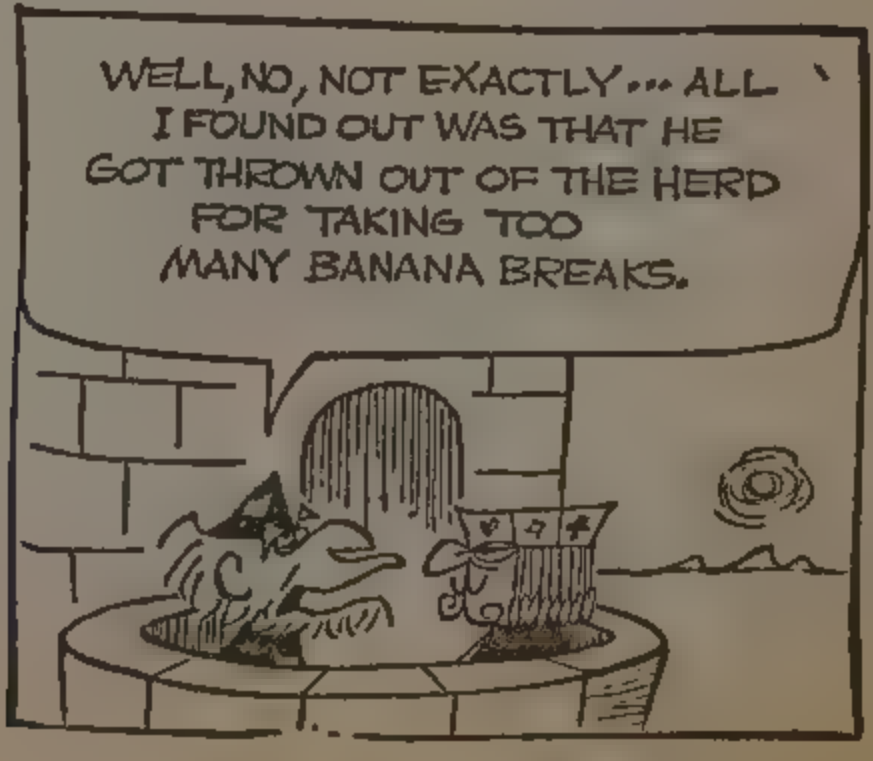
SON OF A GUN!

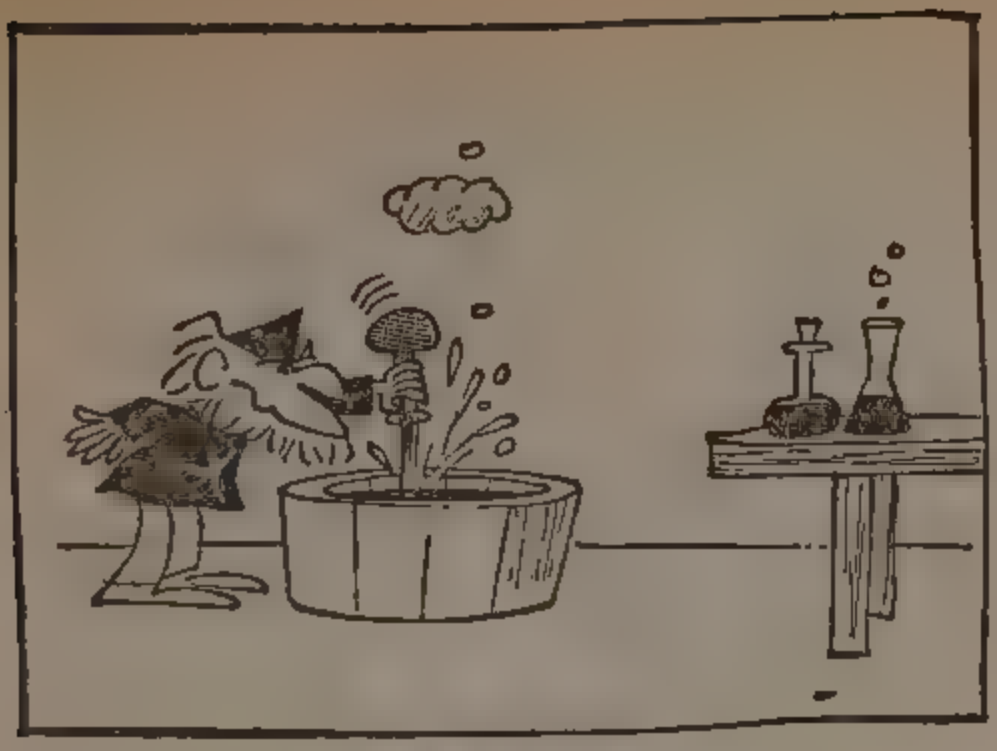

THAT'S WHEN I GET OUT!
7-17


THE KING WANTS ME TO TRACE HIS FAMILY TREE.
HOW ABOUT THAT... HE REALLY IS A FINK!


SIRE, YOUR FAMILY TREE IS NOW COMPLETE. I'VE TRACED IT ALL THE WAY BACK TO YOUR ORIGINAL ANCESTOR.


OF COURSE YOU FOUND HIM TO BE BRILLIANT, GENEROUS, WITTY... A NATURAL LEADER OF MEN....


WELL, NO, NOT EXACTLY... ALL I FOUND OUT WAS THAT HE GOT THROWN OUT OF THE HERD FOR TAKING TOO MANY BANANA BREAKS.



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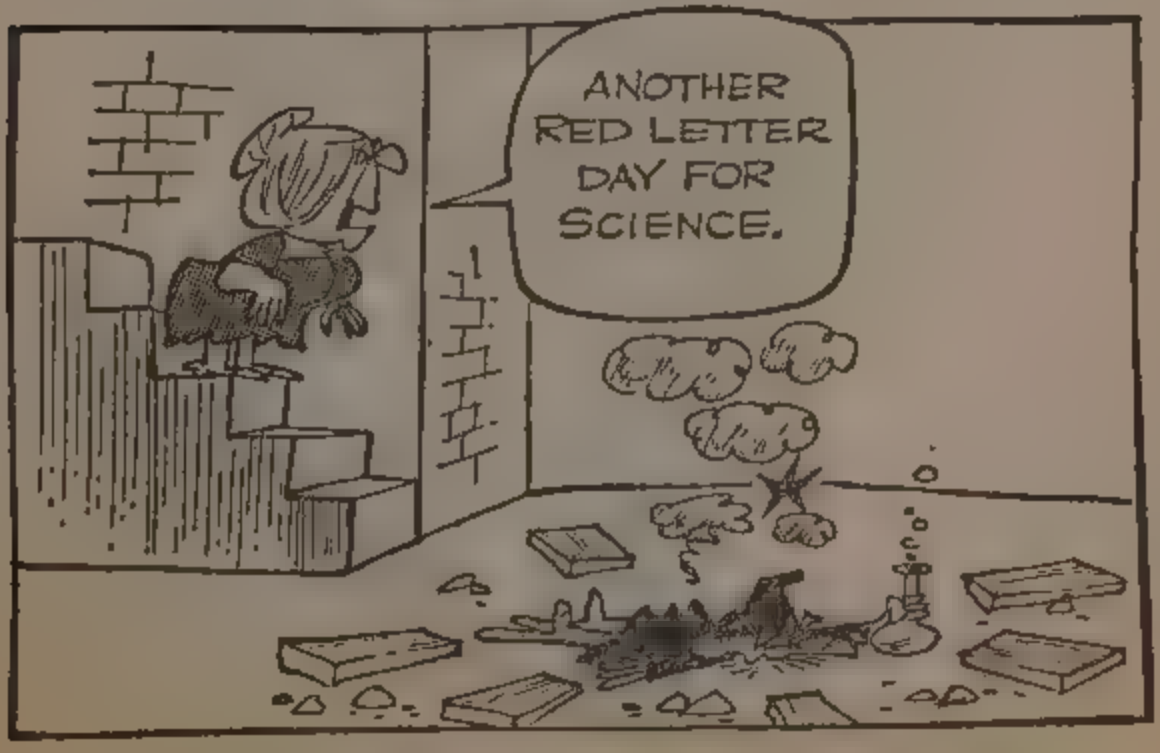
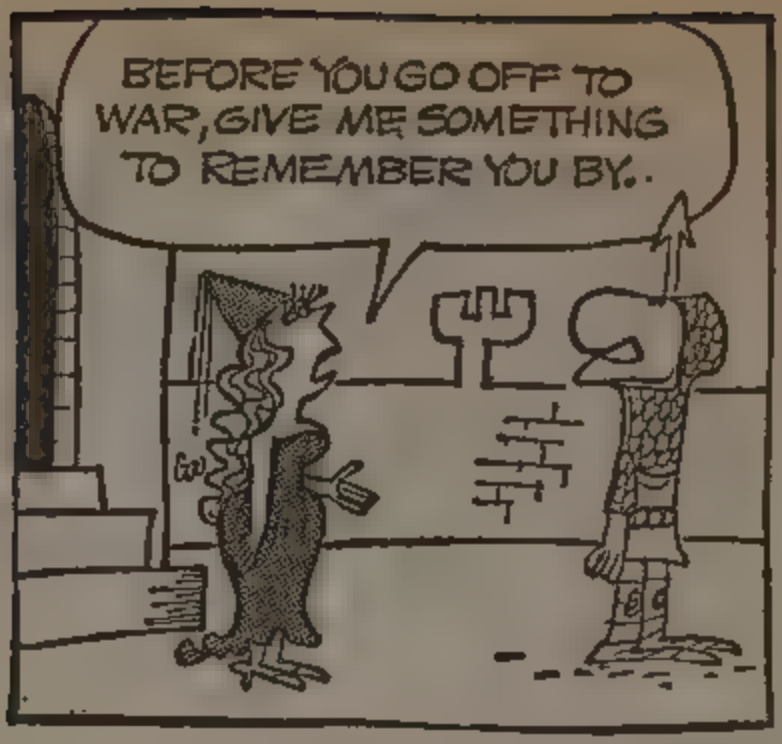
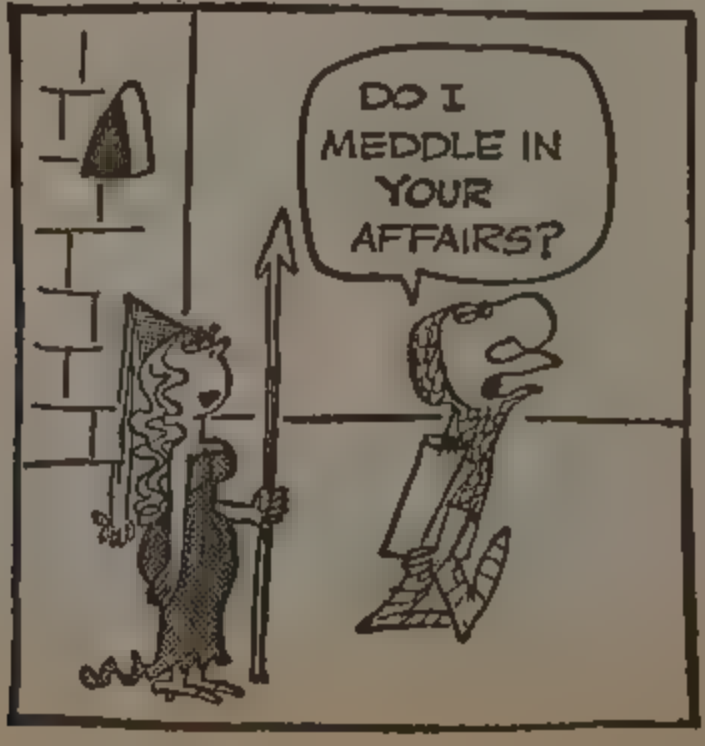



BEFORE YOU GO OFF TO WAR, GIVE ME SOMETHING TO REMEMBER YOU BY..

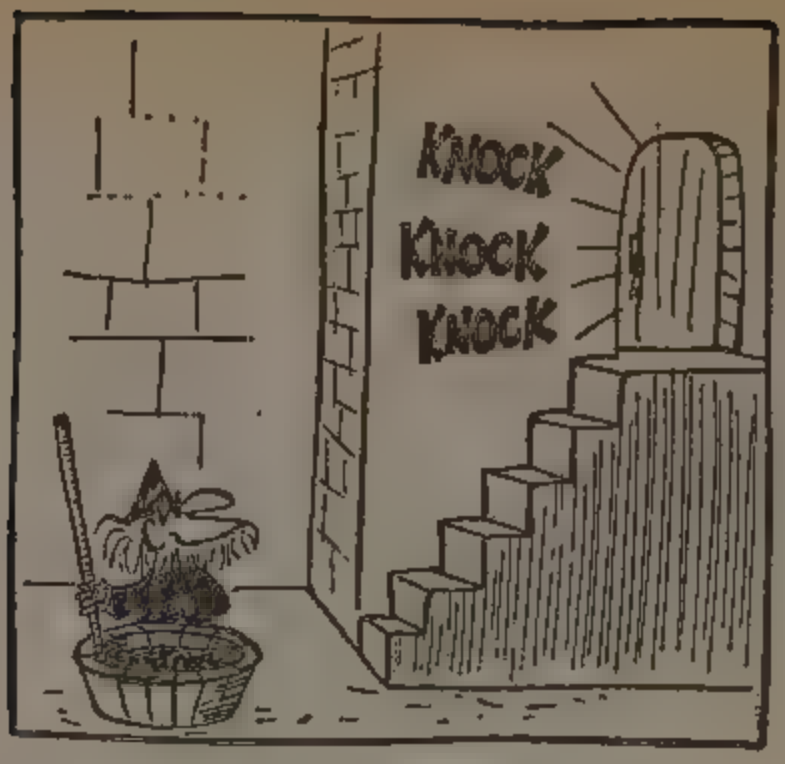
HERE!
BUT YOU CAN'T GO TO WAR WITHOUT YOUR SPEAR.


DO I MEDDLE IN YOUR AFFAIRS?

THEN ALL WE DO IS SURROUND THEM!
I SAY ... WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING THIS WAR FOR ANYWAY?
GOLD, DUKE, GOLD!
FOR A SILLY PIECE OF YELLOW METAL, WE'RE FIGHTING A WAR?
YOU WANT WE SHOULD FIGHT OVER ZINC?

GADS! THIS IS [illegible] ...
UUHNH ... EHH ...
YOU CALLED, MASTER?
YES ... SCRATCH MY BACK RIGHT THERE.

I HAVE TO, WIZ —I WAS BANISHED HERE BY THE KING FOR AN INEPT PERFORMANCE.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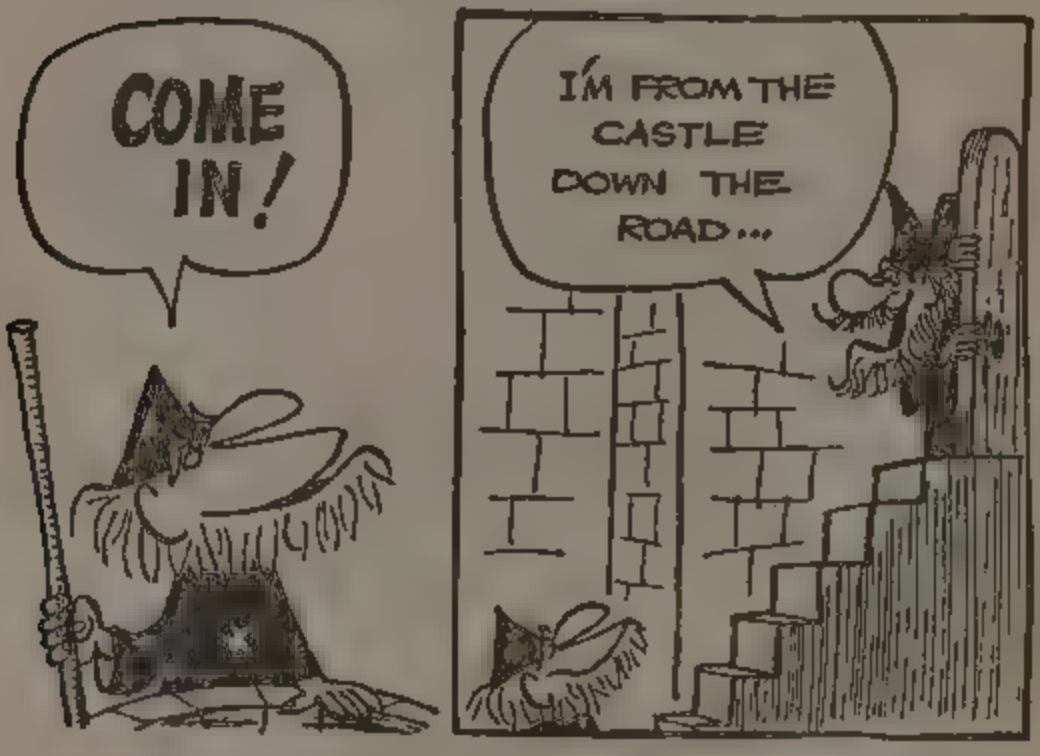
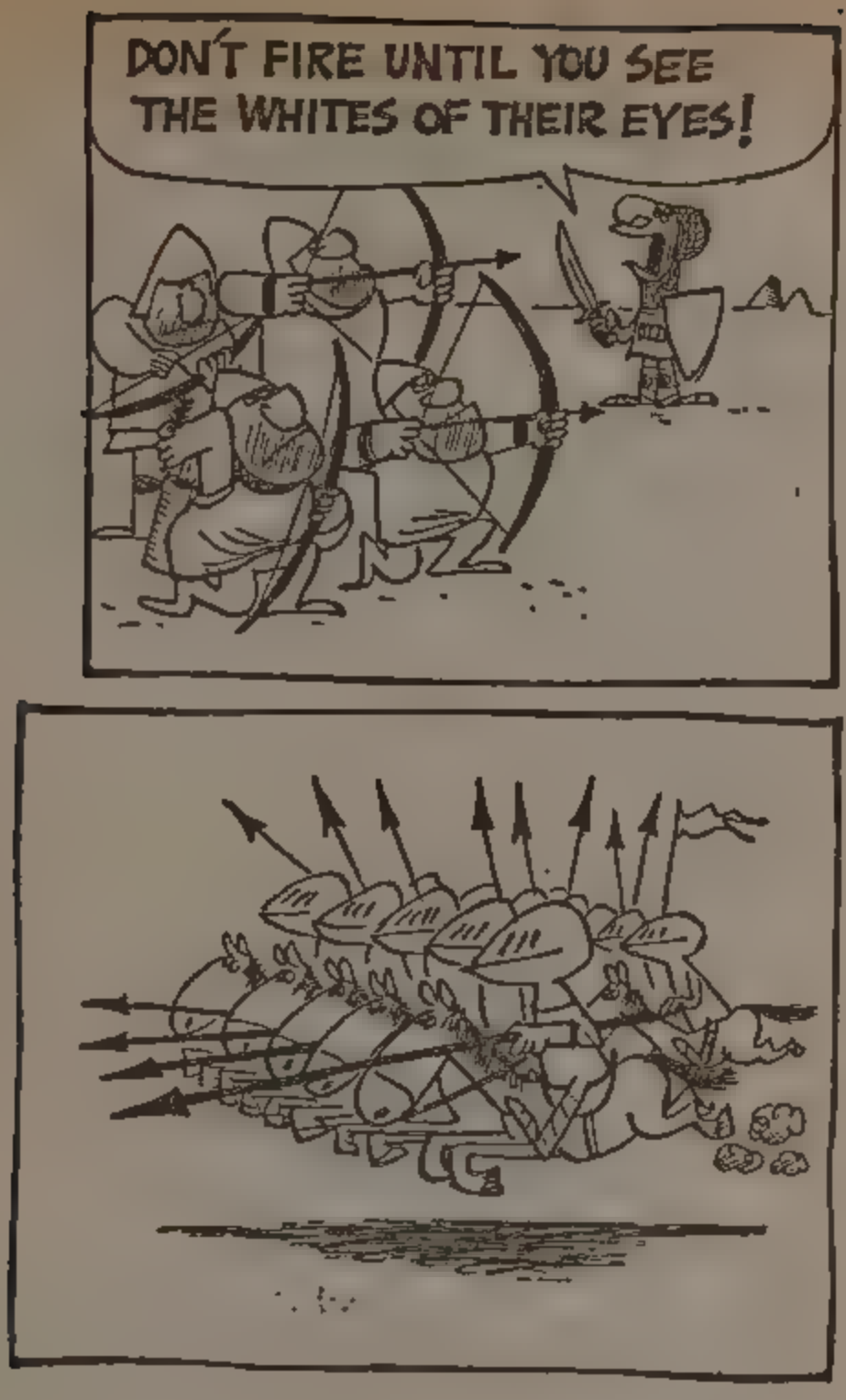
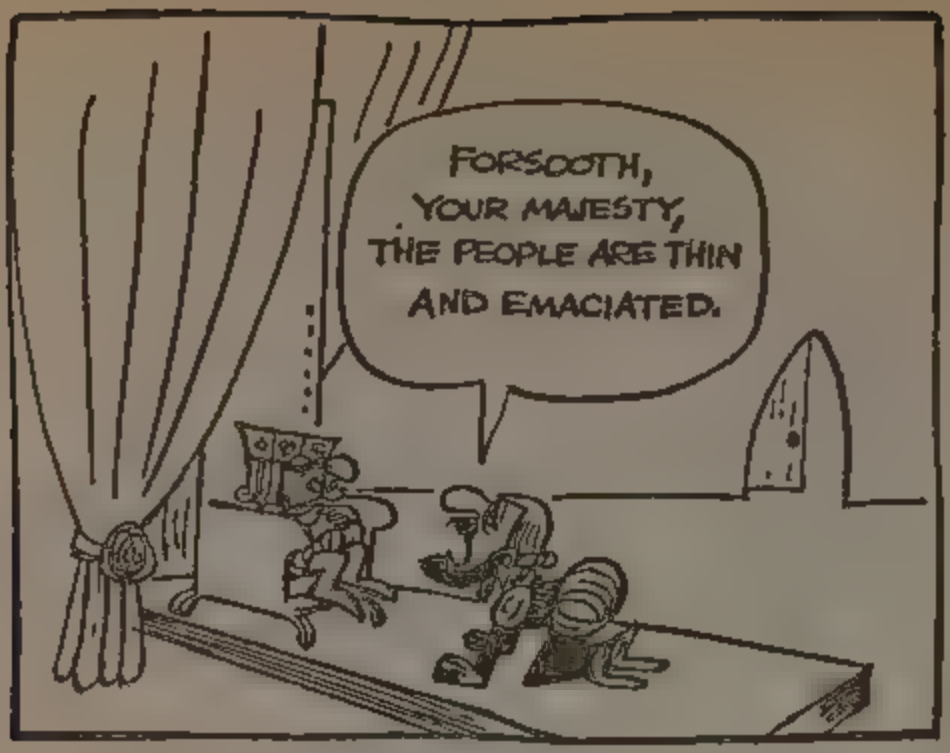
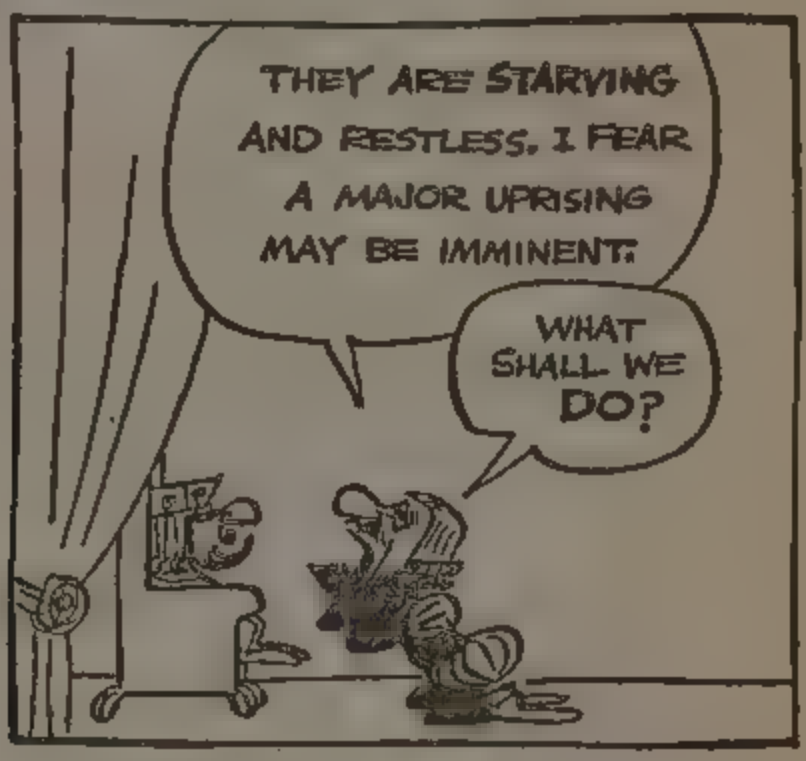

COME IN!
I'M FROM THE CASTLE DOWN THE ROAD...

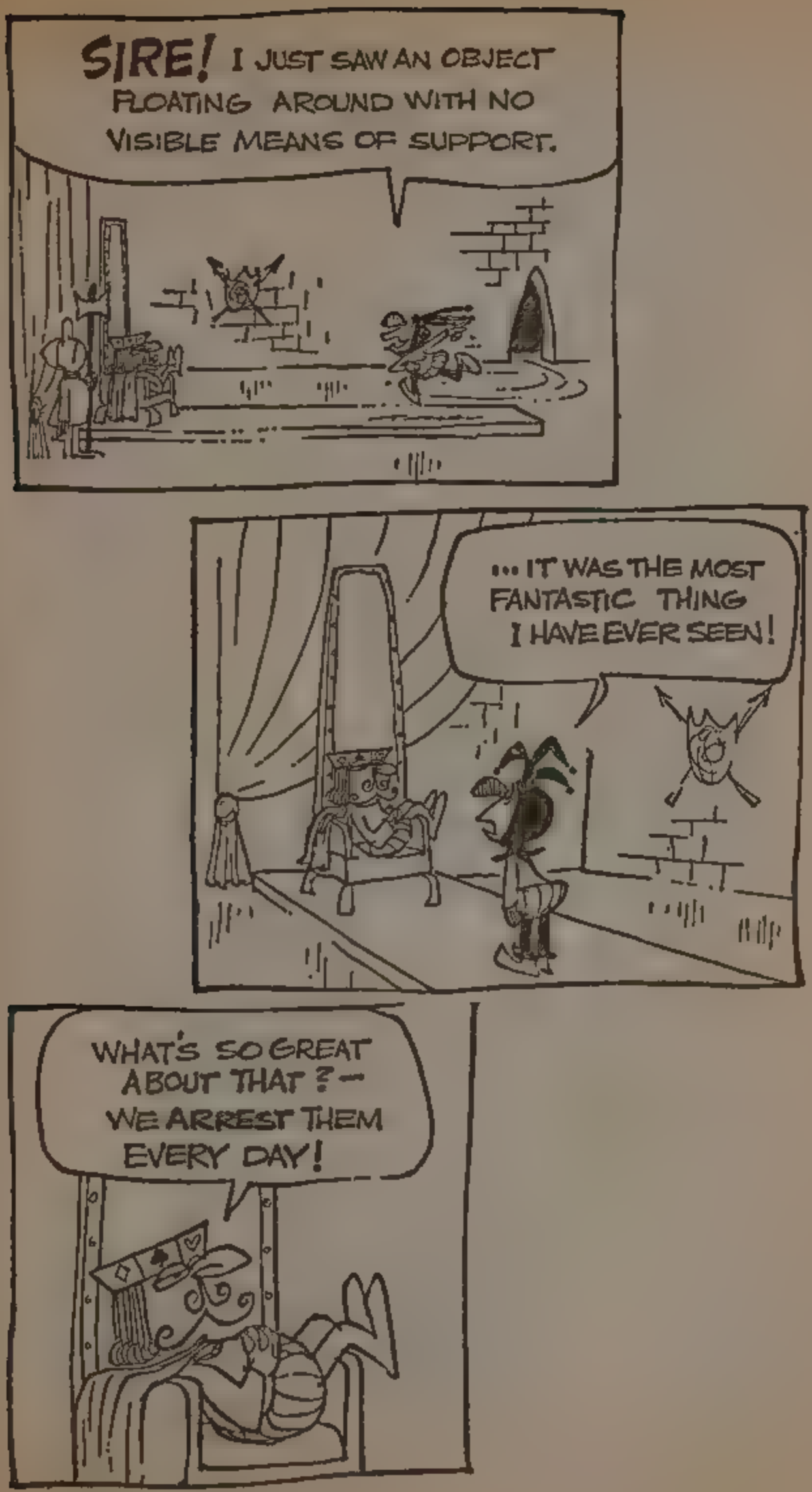
CAN I BORROW A CUP OF BATS' WINGS?

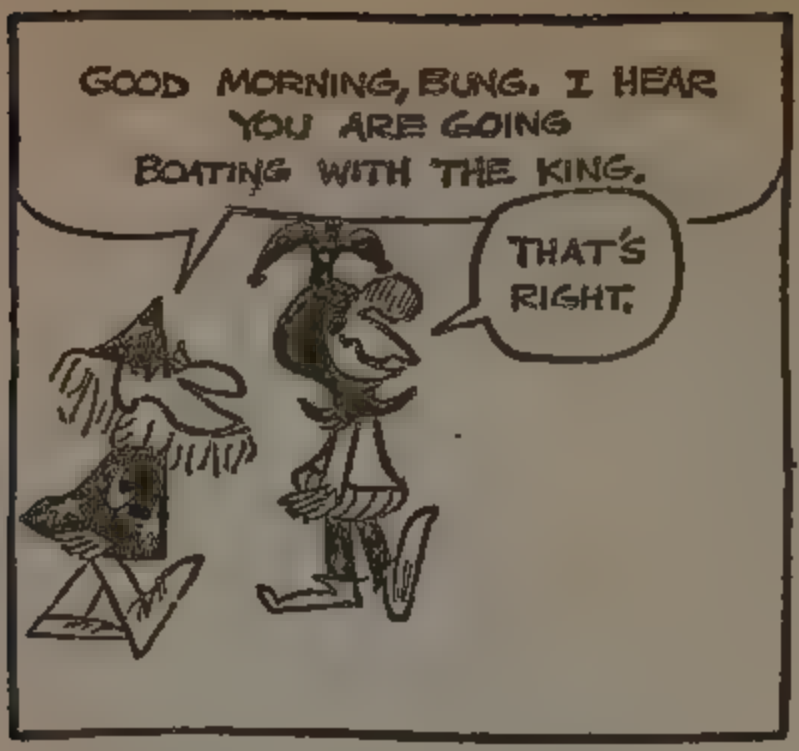

DON'T FIRE UNTIL YOU SEE THE WHITES OF THEIR EYES!
ONE OF THESE DAYS THAT'S GOING TO WORK.


FORSOOTH, YOUR MAJESTY, THE PEOPLE ARE THIN AND EMACIATED.

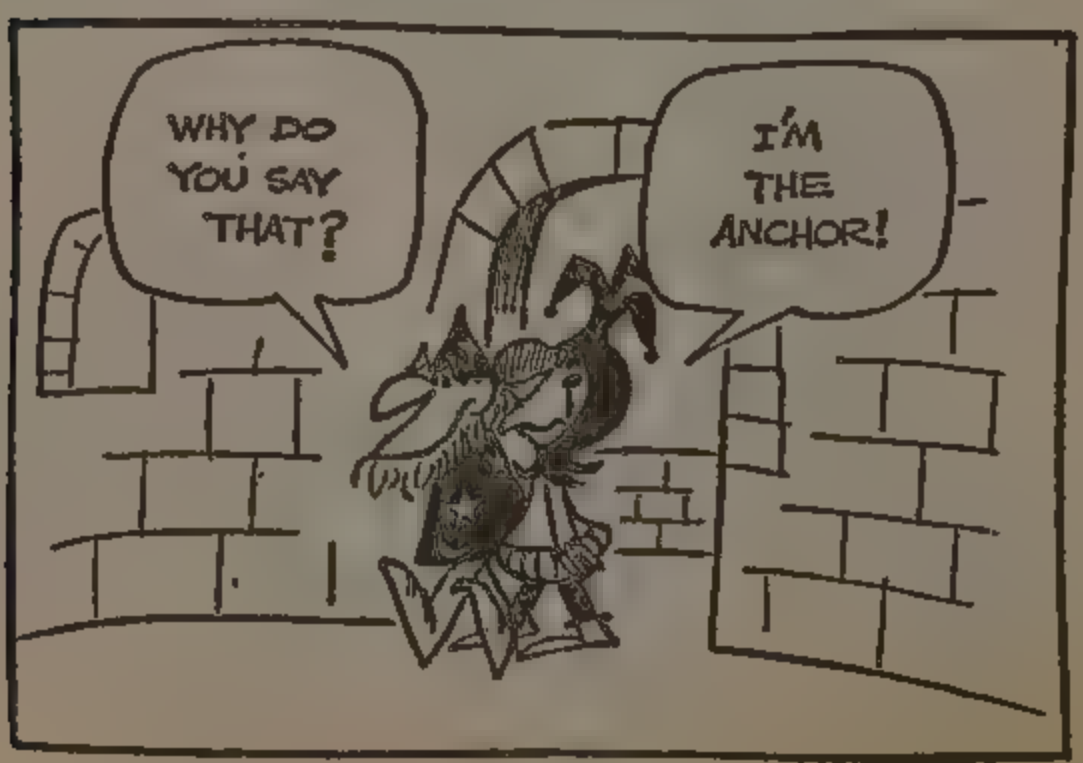

THEY ARE STARVING AND RESTLESS. I FEAR A MAJOR UPRISING MAY BE IMMINENT.
WHAT SHALL WE DO?

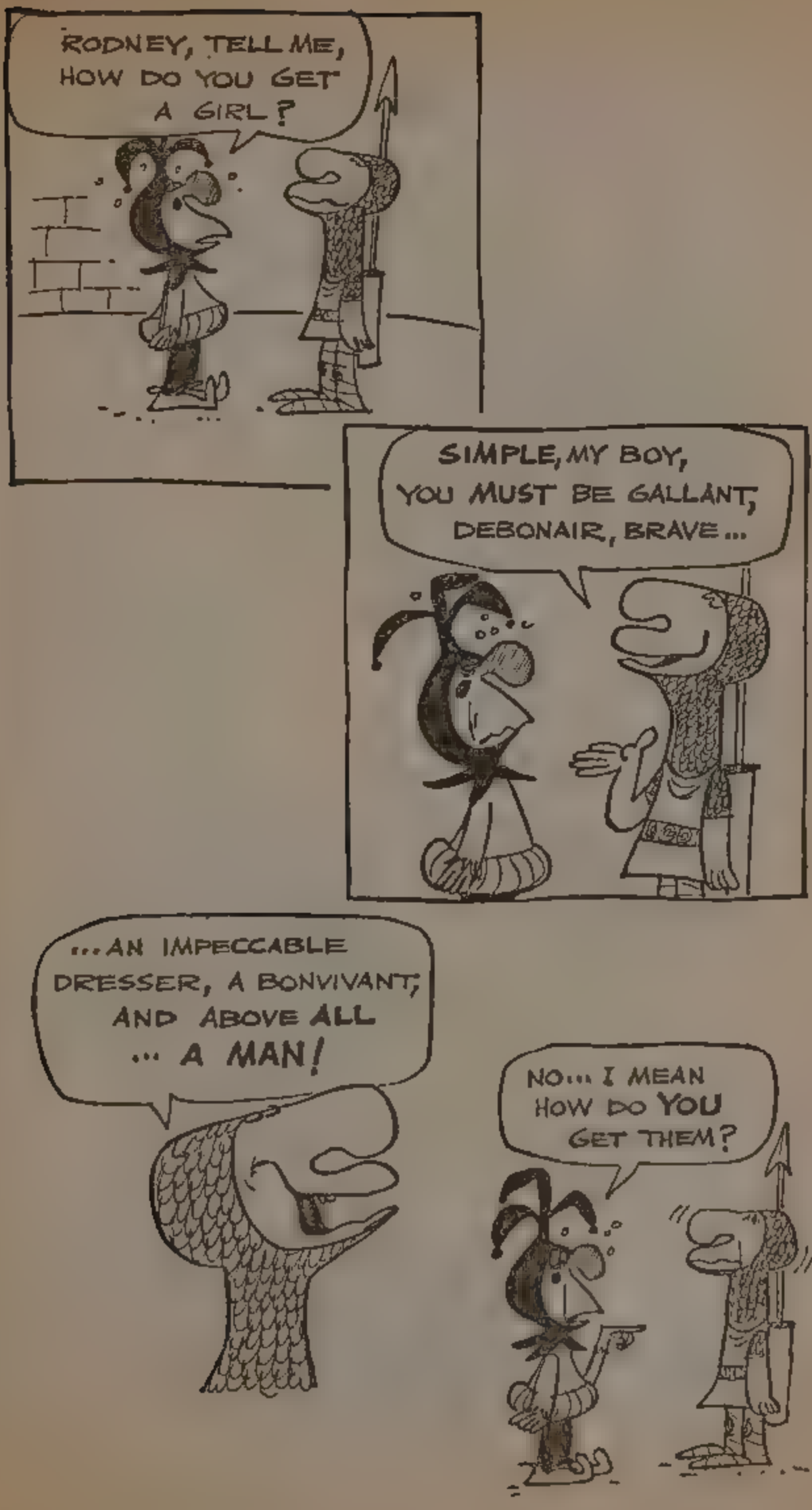
DOUBLE THE GUARD ON THE PANTRY.

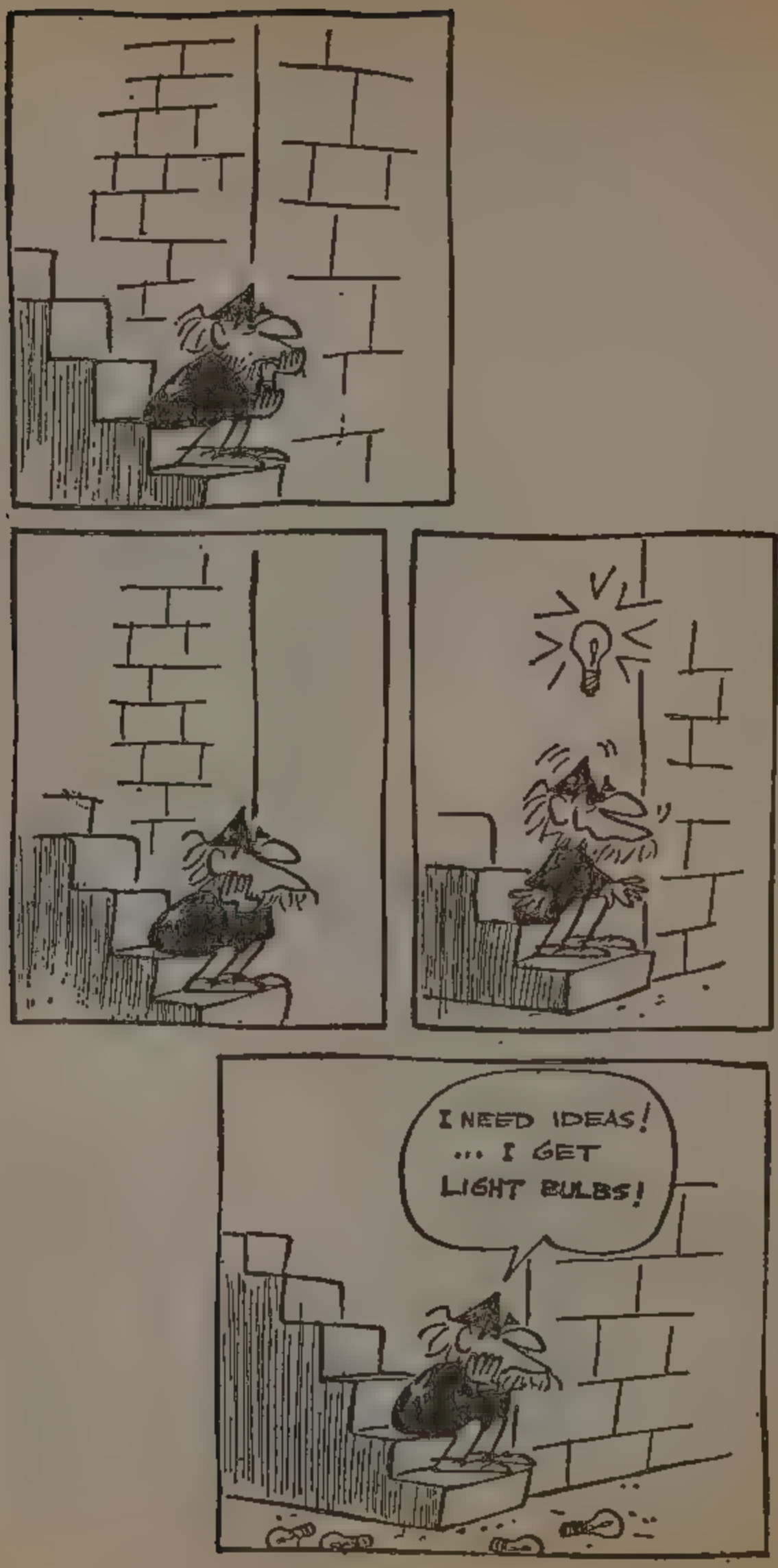

SIRE! I JUST SAW AN OBJECT FLOATING AROUND WITH NO VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT.
... IT WAS THE MOST FANTASTIC THING I HAVE EVER SEEN!
WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT THAT? — WE ARREST THEM EVERY DAY!


GOOD MORNING, BUNG. I HEAR YOU ARE GOING BOATING WITH THE KING.
THAT'S RIGHT.

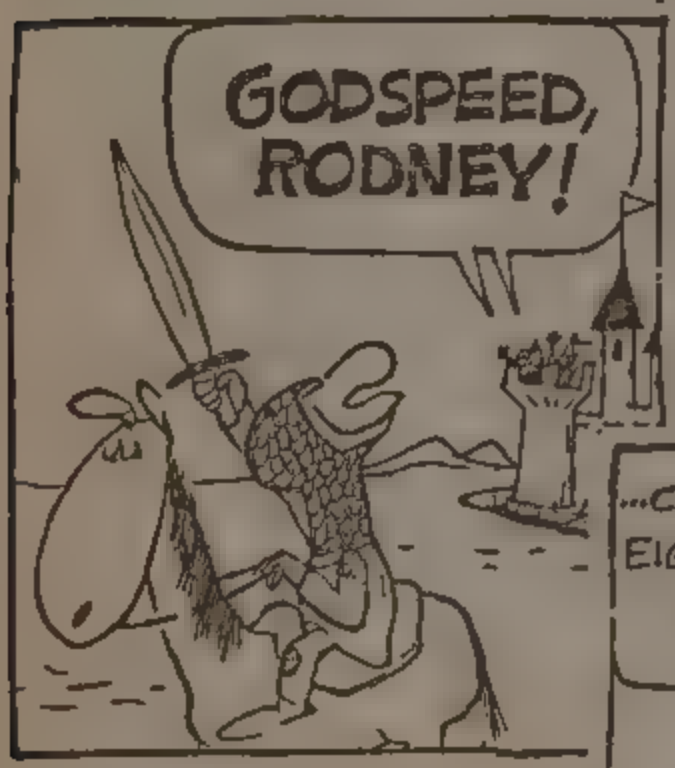
THAT SHOULD BE FUN.
I DOUBT IT.

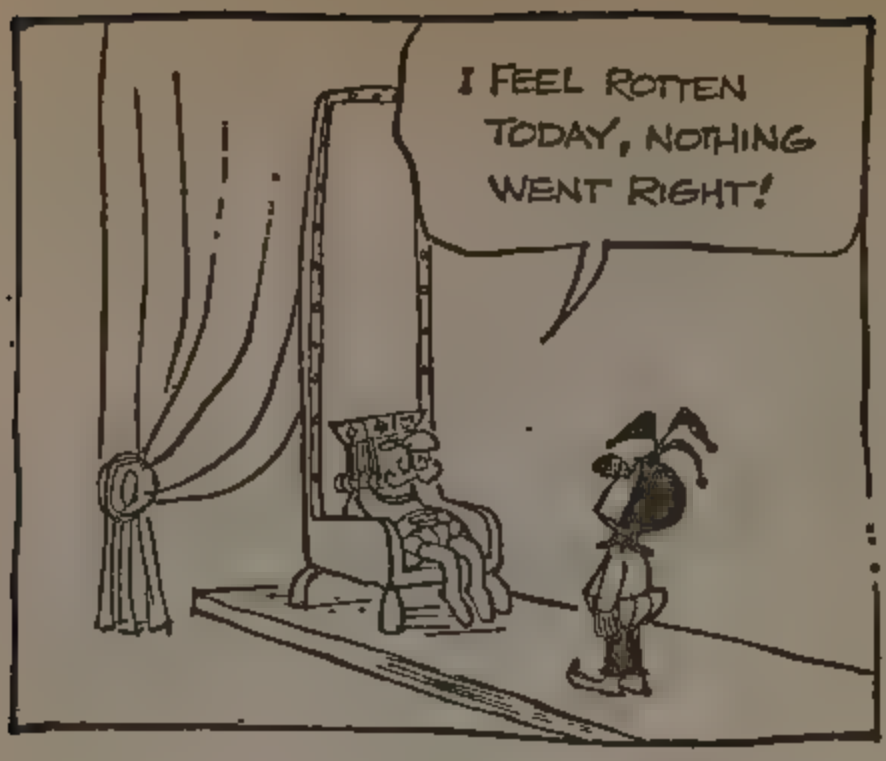

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
I'M THE ANCHOR!


RODNEY, TELL ME, HOW DO YOU GET A GIRL?
SIMPLE, MY BOY, YOU MUST BE GALLANT, DEBONAIR, BRAVE...
...AN IMPECCABLE DRESSER, A BONVIVANT; AND ABOVE ALL ... A MAN!
NO... I MEAN HOW DO YOU GET THEM?


I NEED IDEAS!
... I GET
LIGHT BULBS!

LET'S SEE...THAT WOULD BE EIGHT DRAMS OF BUZZARD BLOOD ON THE SWORD.



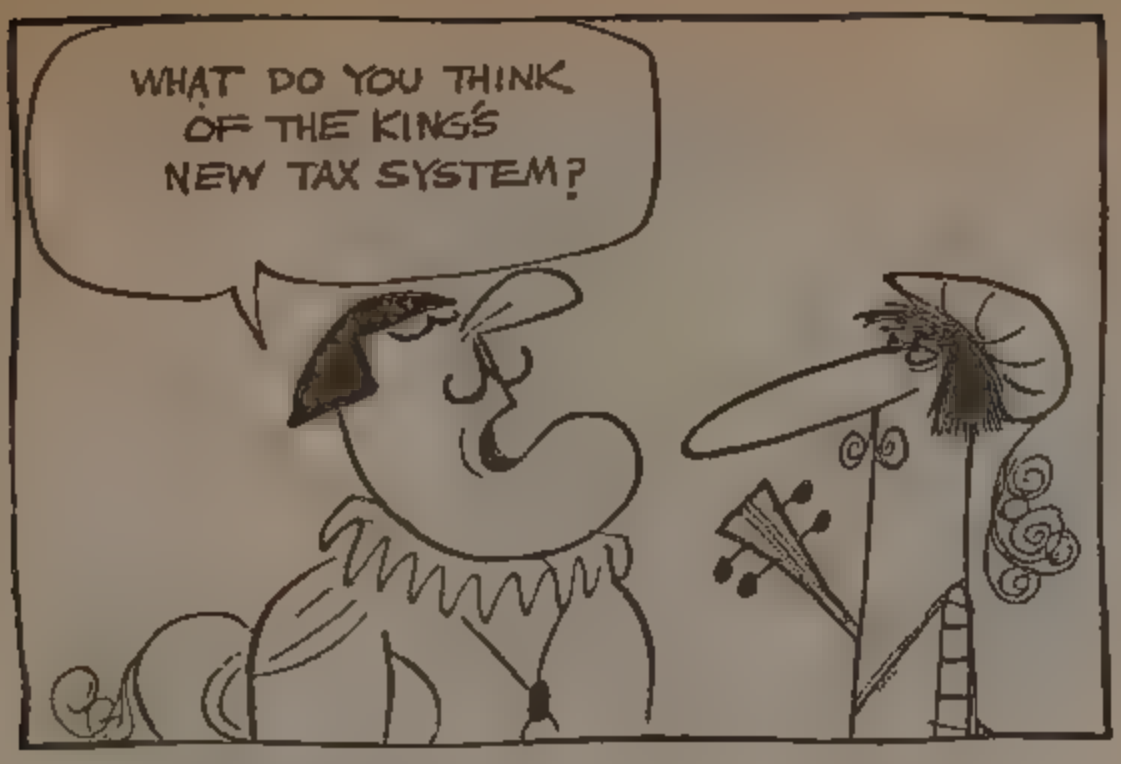

I FEEL ROTTEN TODAY, NOTHING WENT RIGHT!

MAKE ME LAUGH, BUNG!

I DEMAND A RAISE!

?
BETTER MIX UP ANOTHER BATCH. THIS ONE IS RANCID!

EEEEEEK!
THE KISSING BANDIT!
I'LL SAVE YOU!
WELL... WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?...
...ROB ME!

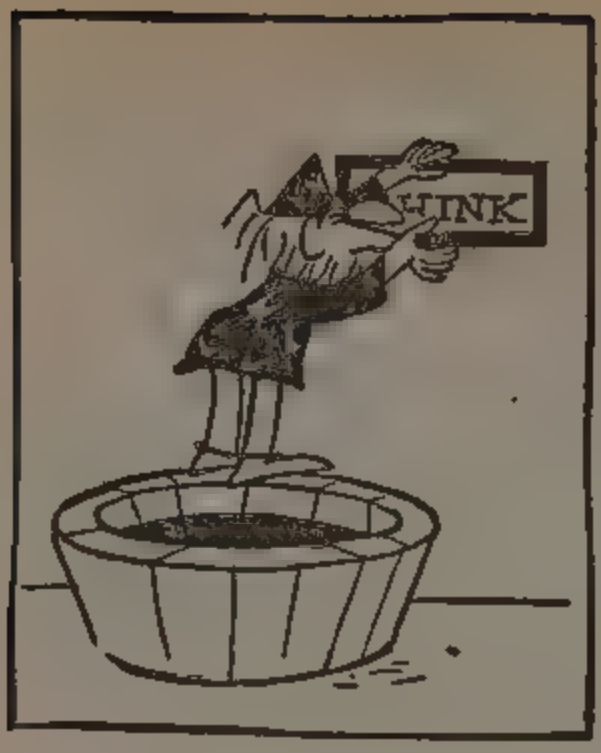

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE KING'S NEW TAX SYSTEM?

HE HAS OVERTAXED EVERYTHING.

NOT QUITE... THERE IS STILL HIS MIND.

I HAVE COME TO BRING YOU GOOD CHEER!
YES, I CAN SMELL IT ON YOUR BREATH.
NO, I MEAN I WILL LIFT YOUR SPIRITS.
I THINK YOU'VE LIFTED ENOUGH SPIRITS FOR ONE DAY.

WAIT, SIRE, ONE MORE CHANCE... I HAVE A GREAT ACT FOR YOU.
...I DIVE OFF OF THE NORTH TOWER INTO THE MOAT, SINGING "GOD SAVE THE KING."
YOU'RE ON.
DRAIN THE MOAT.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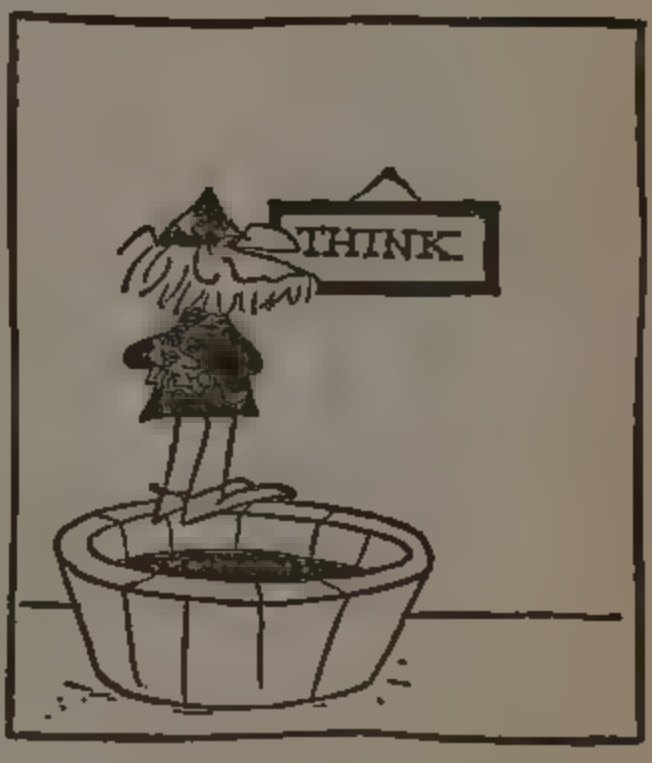
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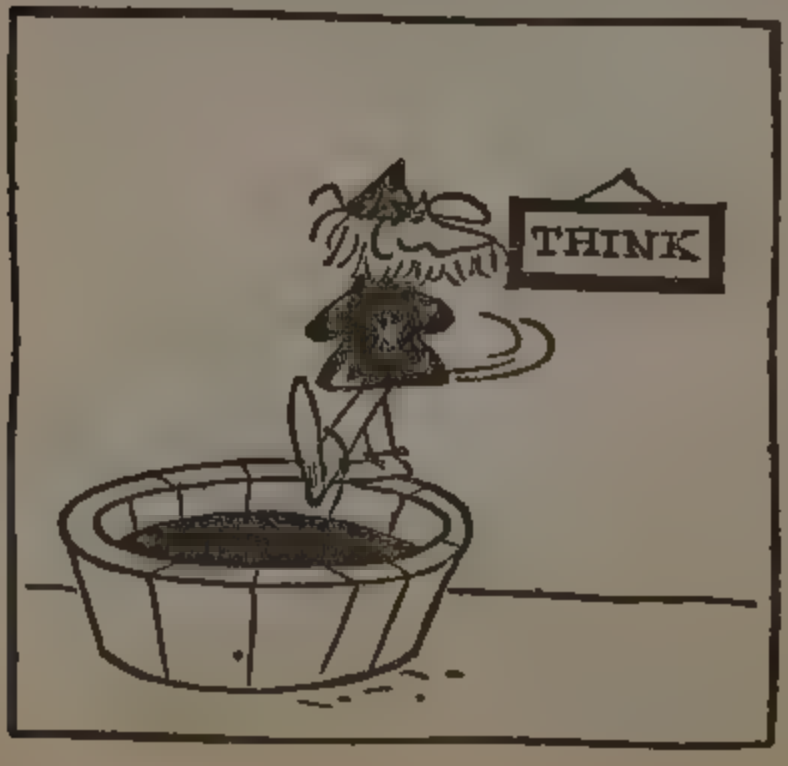
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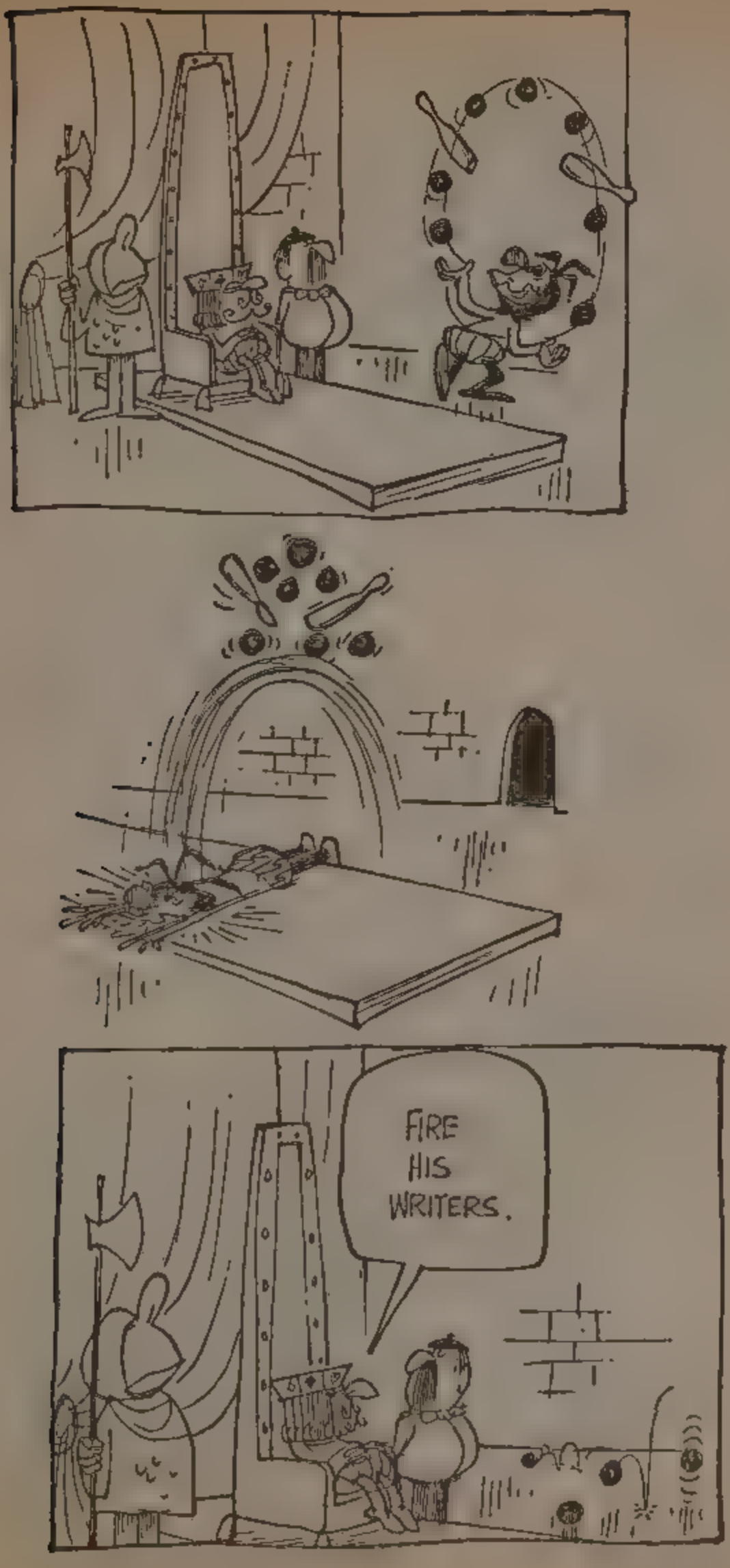
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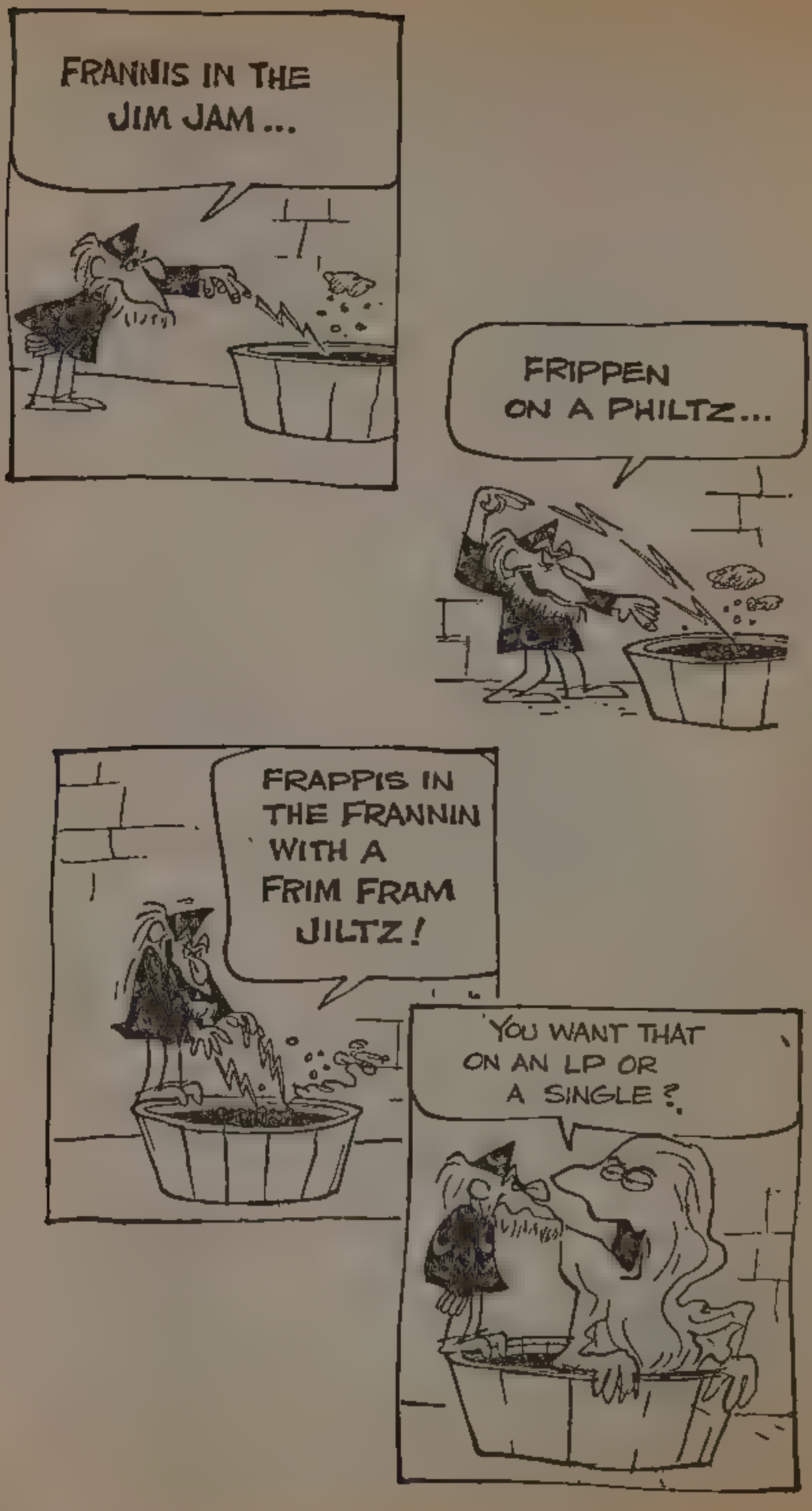
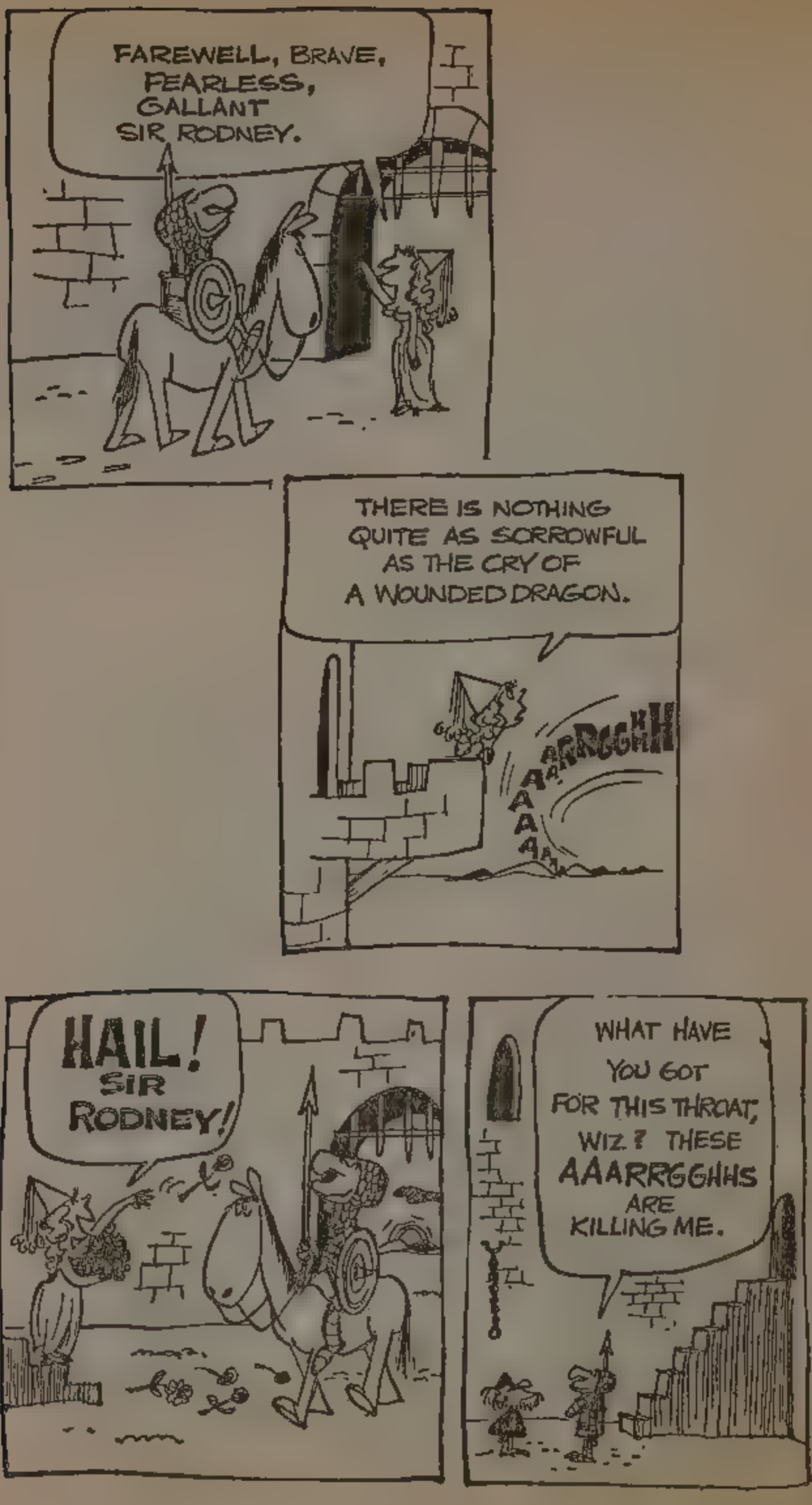
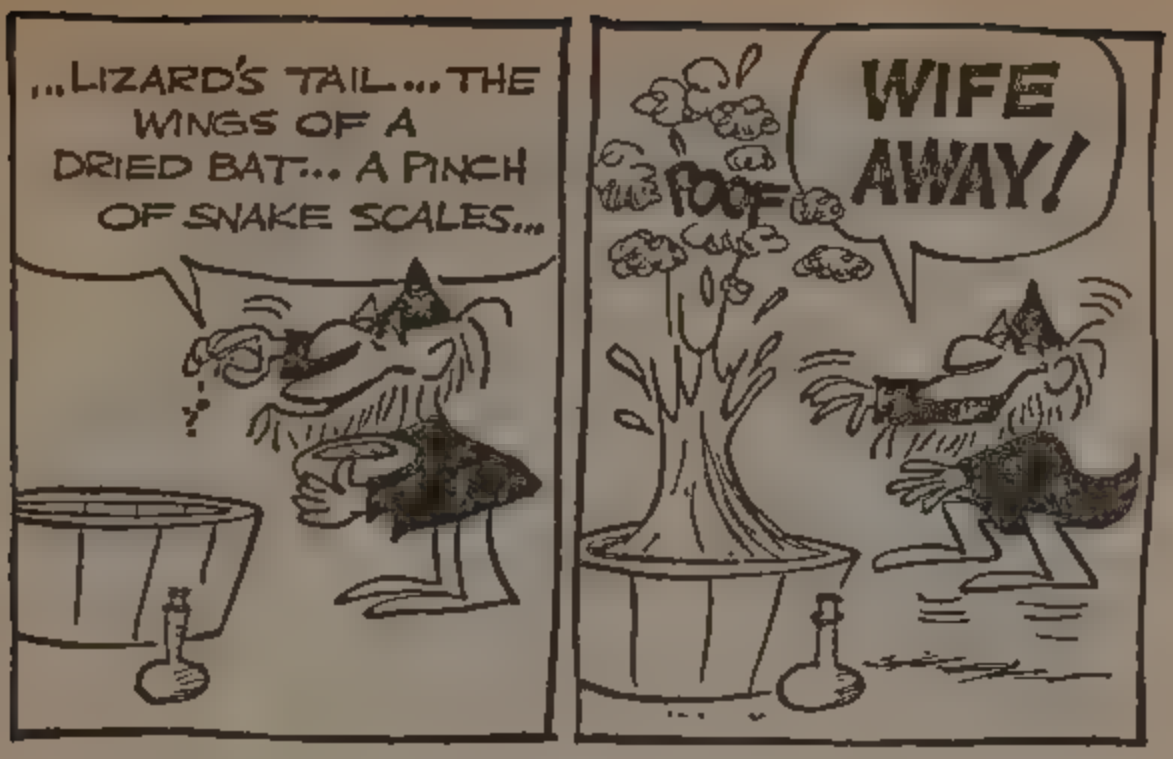
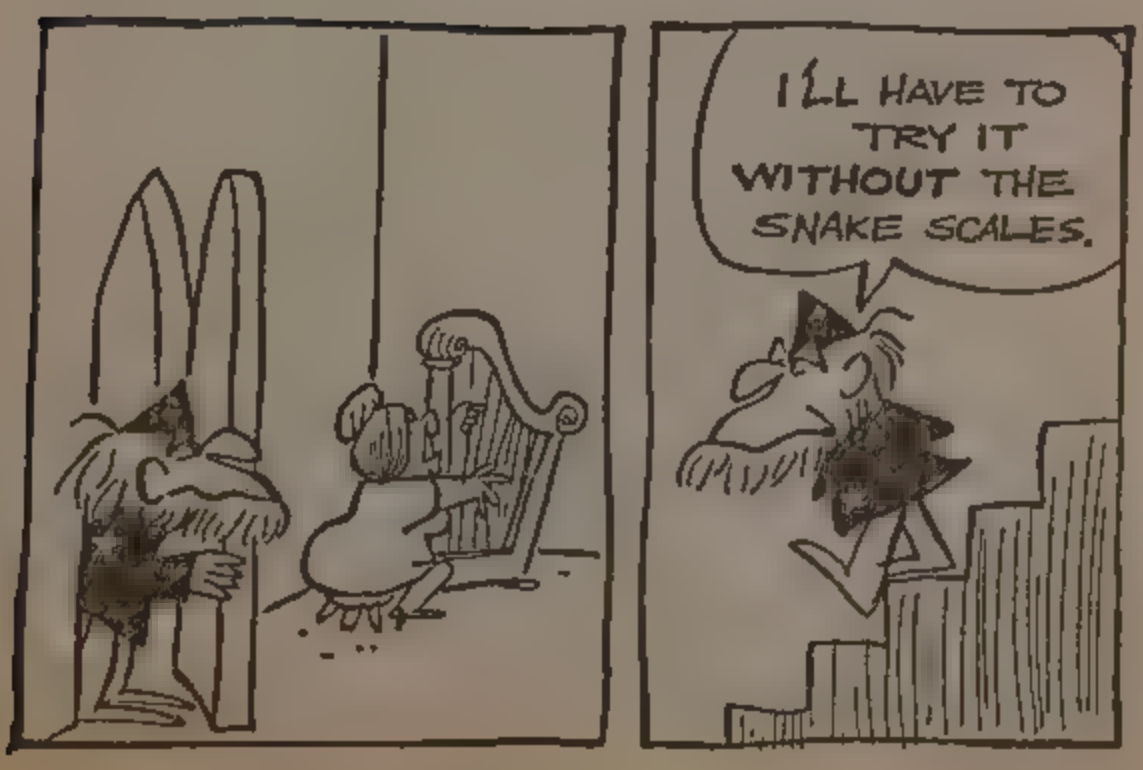

FRANNIS IN THE JIM JAM...
FRIPPEN ON A PHILTZ...
FRAPPIS IN THE FRANNIN WITH A FRIM FRAM JILTZ!
YOU WANT THAT ON AN LP OR A SINGLE?

THE DRAGONS ARE COMING! SAVE US, RODNEY!
GEE, I'D LIKE TO HELP YOU OUT, BUT MY LANCE IS BROKEN.
WHERE IS IT? I'LL FIX IT FOR YOU.
BE MY GUEST!


FAREWELL, BRAVE, FEARLESS, GALLANT SIR RODNEY.
THERE IS NOTHING QUITE AS SORROWFUL AS THE CRY OF A WOUNDED DRAGON.
AAARRGGHH
AAAAA
HAIL! SIR RODNEY!
WHAT HAVE YOU GOT FOR THIS THROAT, WIZ? THESE AAARRGGHHS ARE KILLING ME.


...LIZARD'S TAIL... THE WINGS OF A DRIED BAT... A PINCH OF SNAKE SCALES...
?
POOF
WIFE AWAY!


I'LL HAVE TO TRY IT WITHOUT THE SNAKE SCALES.

I'VE DONE IT!... THE WHITE POTION TURNS ME INTO A MONSTER, AND THE BLACK RESTORES ME.
OH, HELLO, DEAR. THROUGH IN THE LAB ALREADY?

THAT'S ALL I AM TO YOU... YOUR CHIEF COOK AND BOTTLE WASHER!

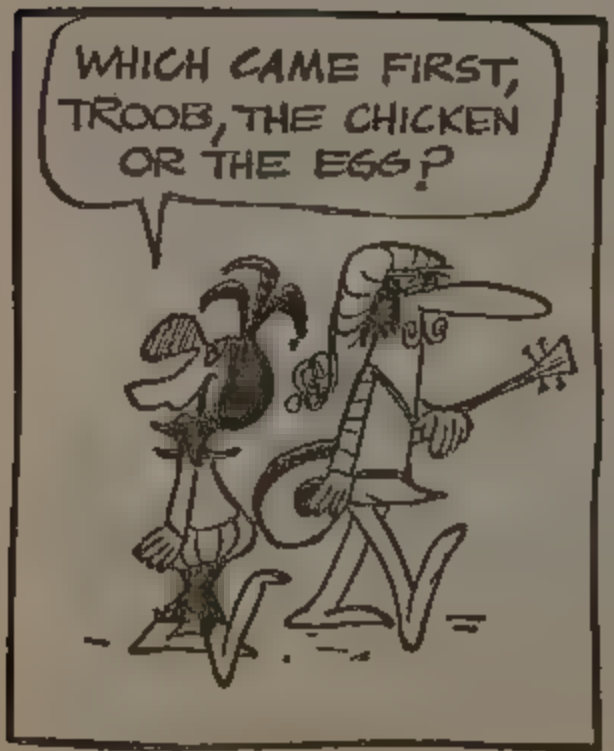
...NEVER TAKE ME ANYPLACE!

...SLAVE OVER A HOT STOVE ALL DAY... FOR WHAT?

I SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN THE ARMY!

FRESH
CHICKEN

FRESH
EGGS


WHICH CAME FIRST, TROOB, THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?

...DEPENDS ON WHICH WAY YOU'RE GOING.

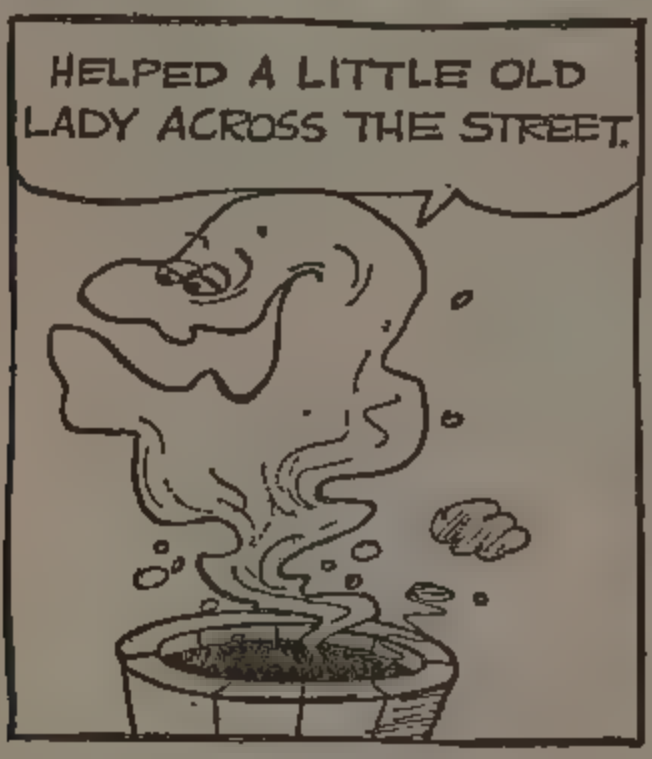
HALT... HALT OR I'LL SHOOT!

THUNGG

GOT HIM!

LUCKY FOR YOU, HE HALTED.

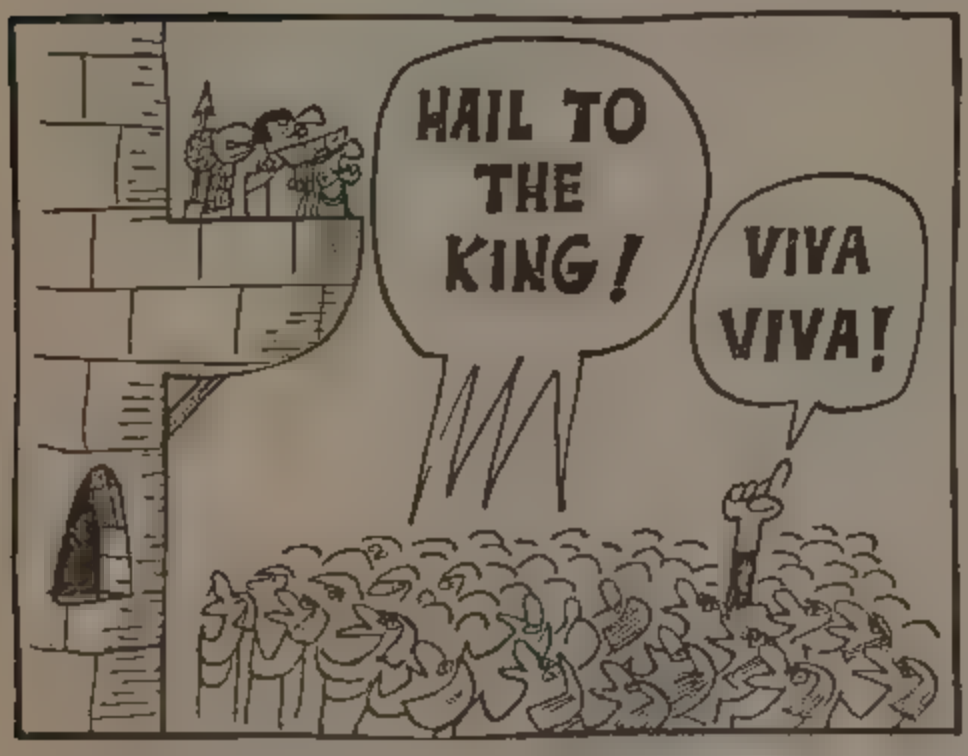
DO YOUR EVIL DEED FOR TODAY?


HELPED A LITTLE OLD LADY ACROSS THE STREET.

WHAT'S SO EVIL ABOUT THAT?

BEFORE WE CROSSED, SHE WAS A TEENAGE KID.

LONG LIVE THE KING!
VIVA VIVA!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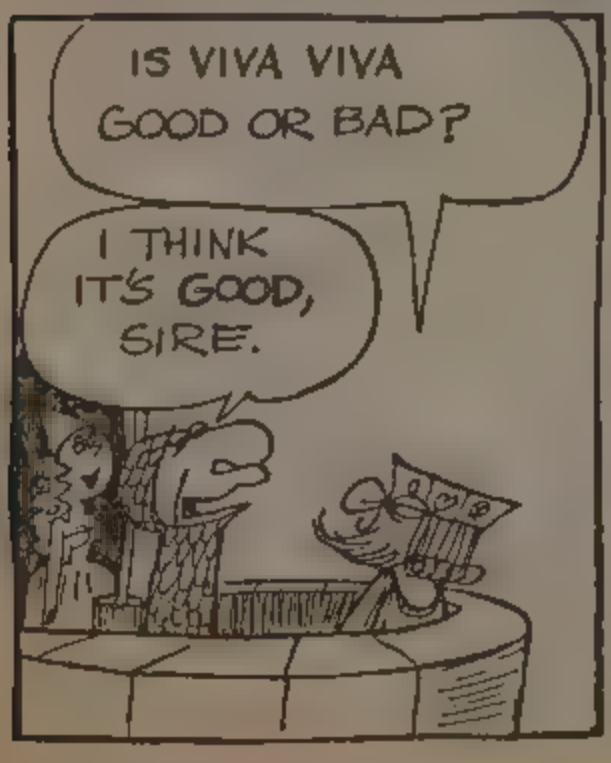
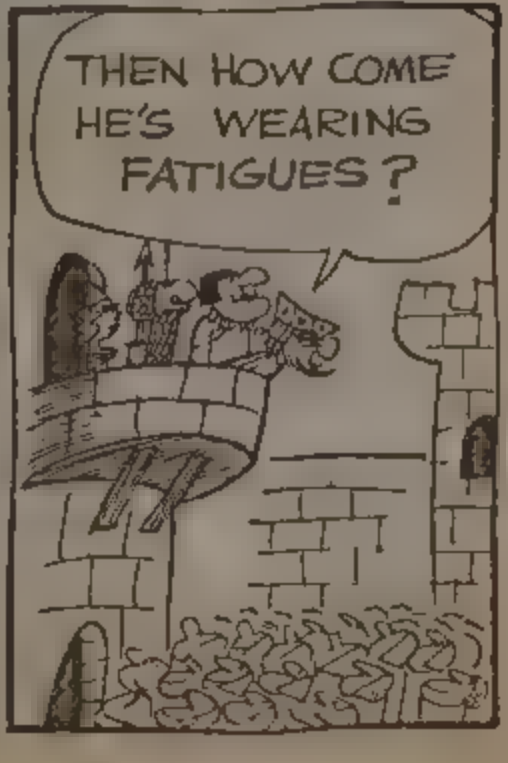
VIVA VIVA!


IS VIVA VIVA GOOD OR BAD?
I THINK IT'S GOOD, SIRE.

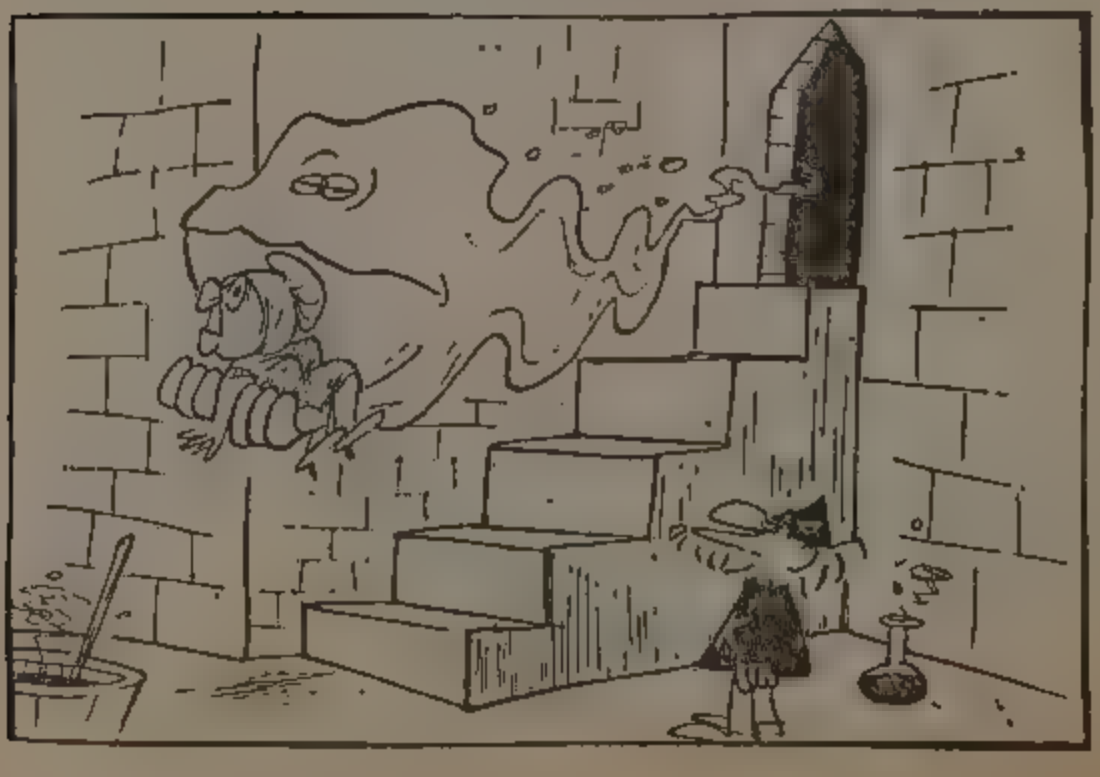

THEN HOW COME HE'S WEARING FATIGUES?

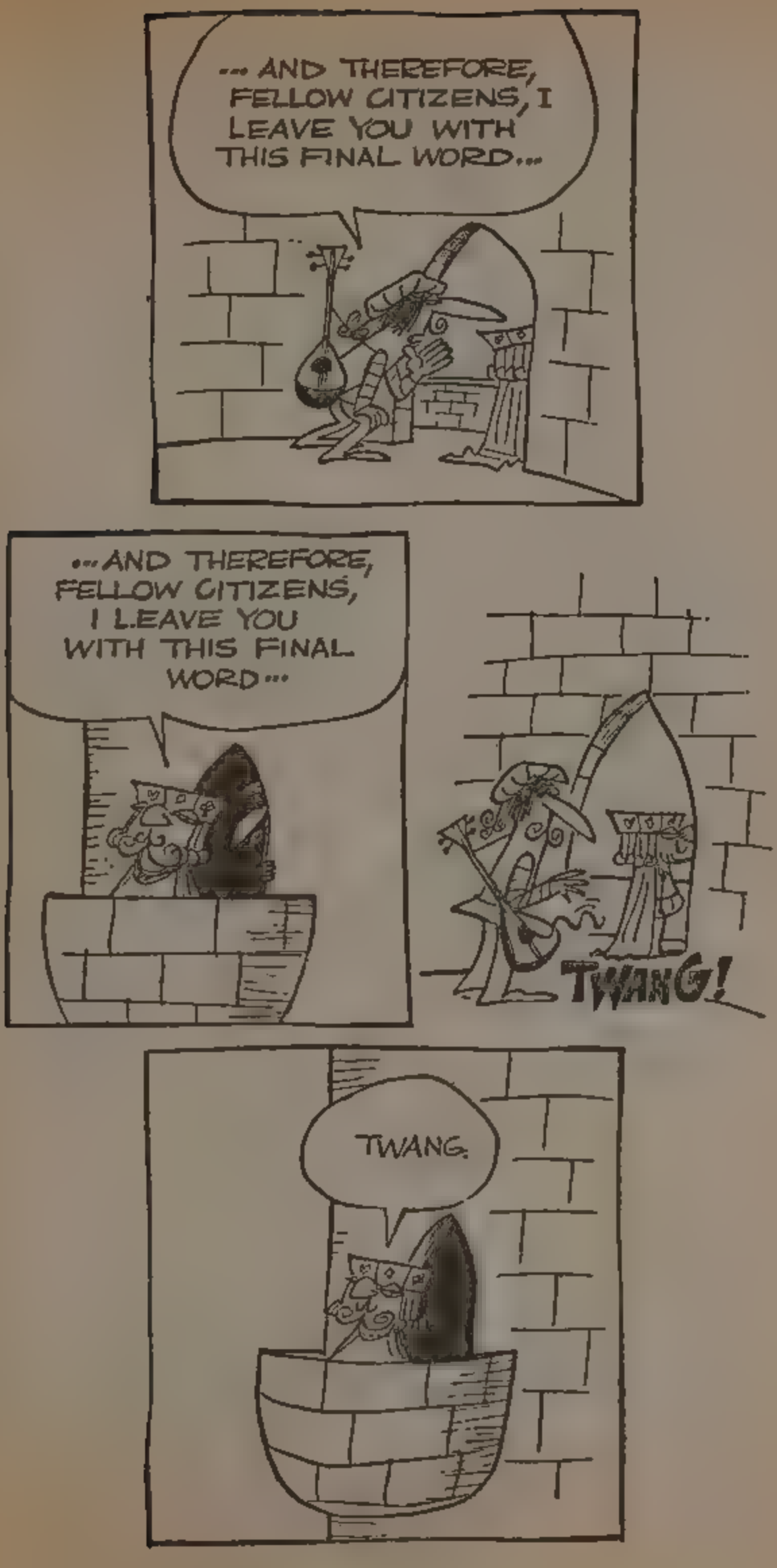
FOR THIS POTION I NEED A BAT'S WING.. A BEETLE'S LEG... AND A HAIR FROM A WARTHOG'S NOSE.
WHERE IN THE WORLD WILL I GET A HAIR FROM A WARTHOG'S NOSE AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT?
ARE YOU GOING TO STAY DOWN HERE ALL NIGHT?
THIS MUST BE MY LUCKY DAY.

YOU GUYS PLAYING FOR THE BALL TONIGHT?
YES, YOUR HIGHNESS.
MIND IF I SIT IN?
NOT AT ALL, SIRE... WHAT DO YOU PLAY?
LEAD... WHAT ELSE?

I NEED THE MANE OF A HORSE TO COMPLETE THIS RECIPE.

ARISE! YOU LAZY OAF, AND FETCH ME A NAG.




...AND THEREFORE, FELLOW CITIZENS, I LEAVE YOU WITH THIS FINAL WORD...
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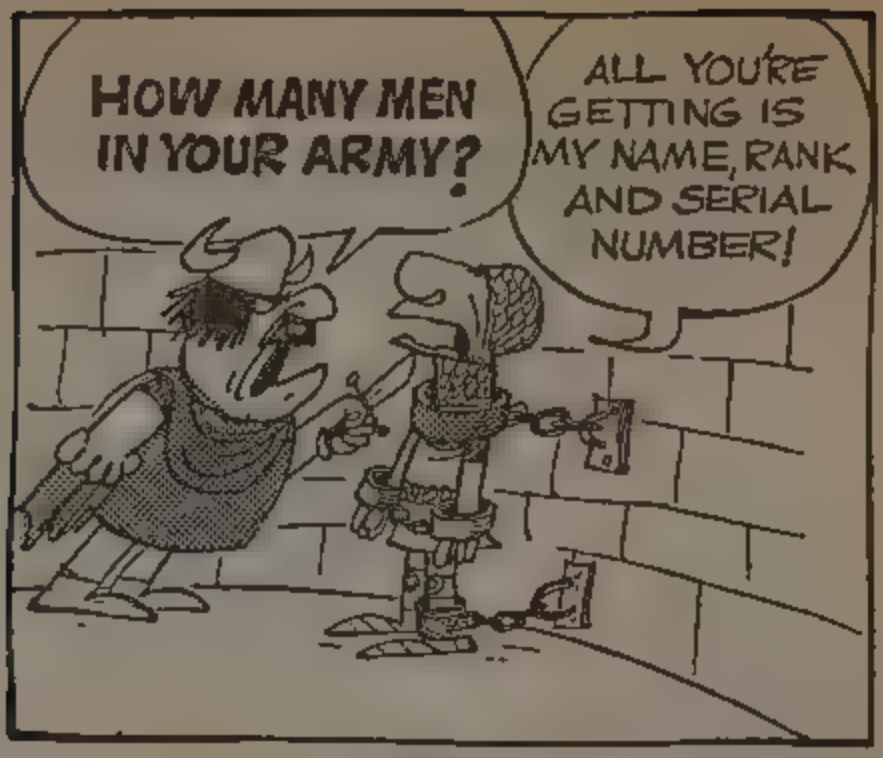
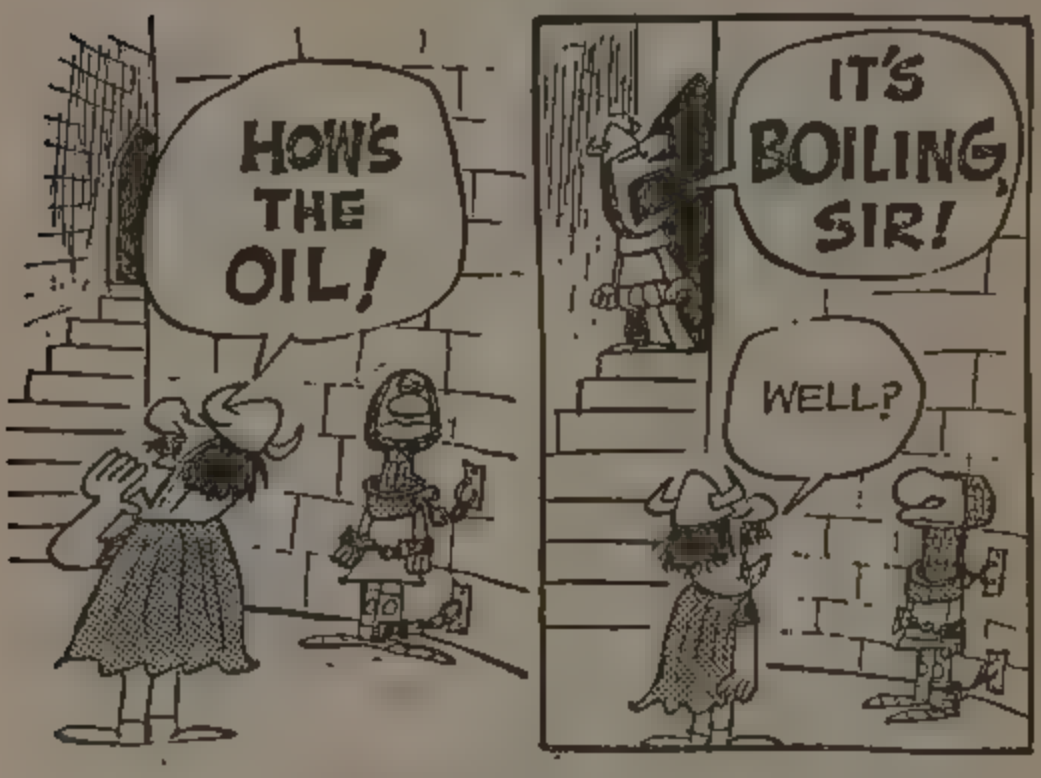
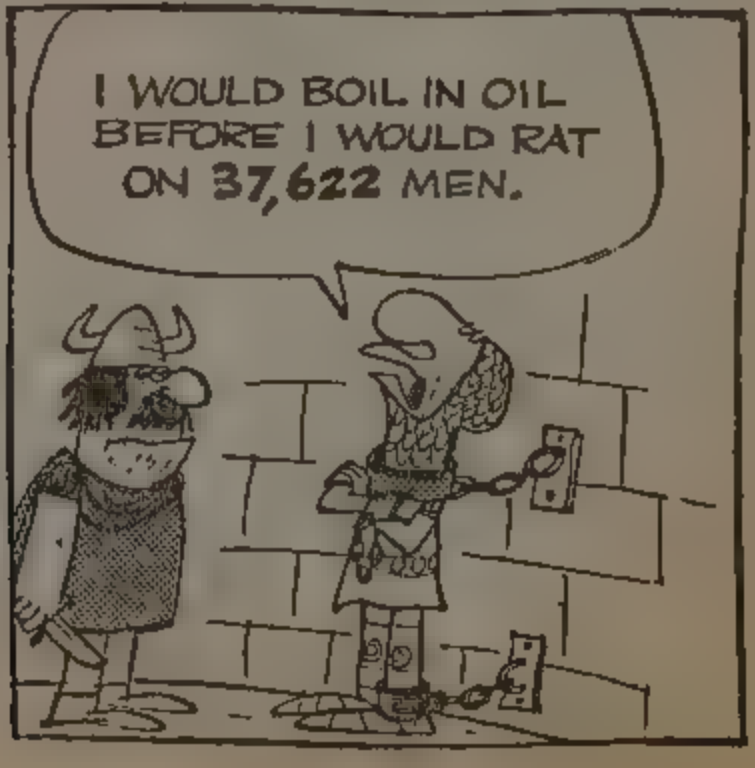
TWANG!
TWANG.

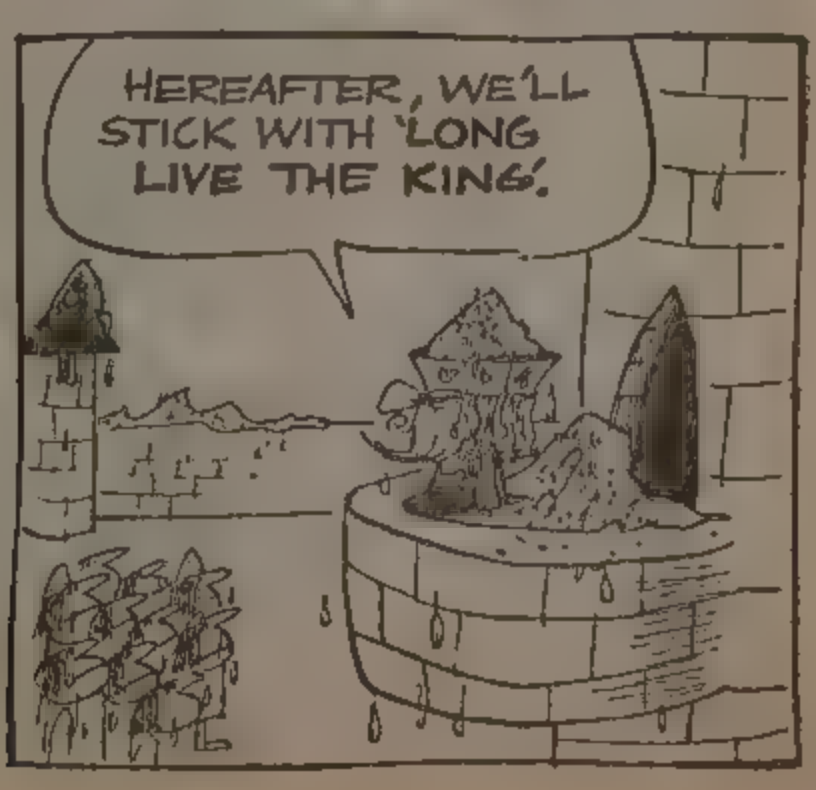

HOW MANY MEN IN YOUR ARMY?
ALL YOU'RE GETTING IS MY NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER!

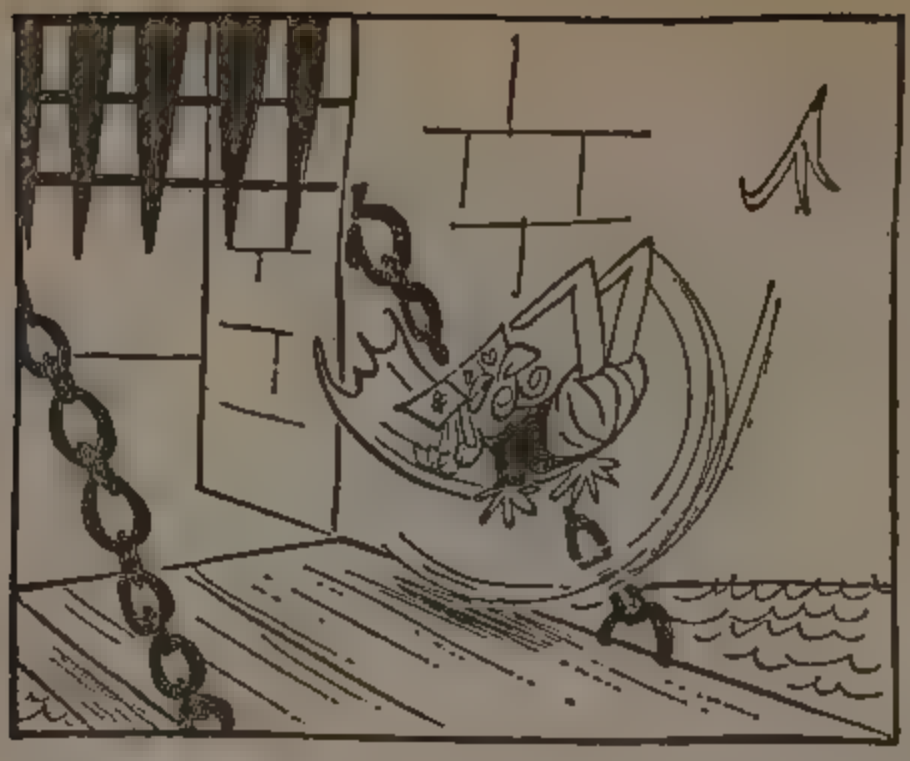

HOW'S THE OIL!
IT'S BOILING, SIR!
WELL?

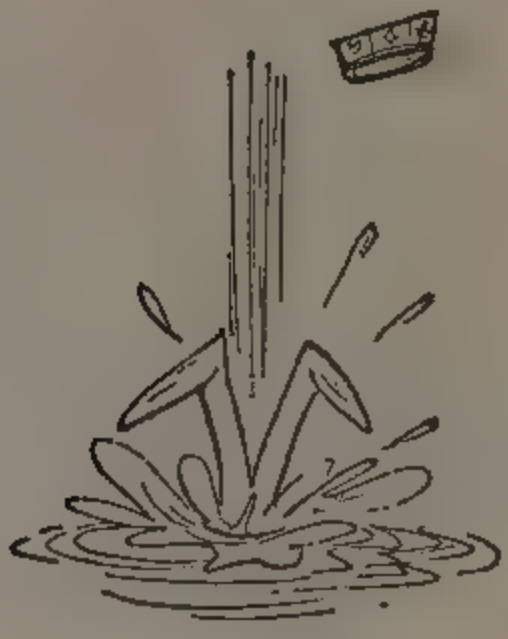

I WOULD BOIL IN OIL BEFORE I WOULD RAT ON 37,622 MEN.

HAIL TO THE KING ...HAIL, HAIL O' KING!

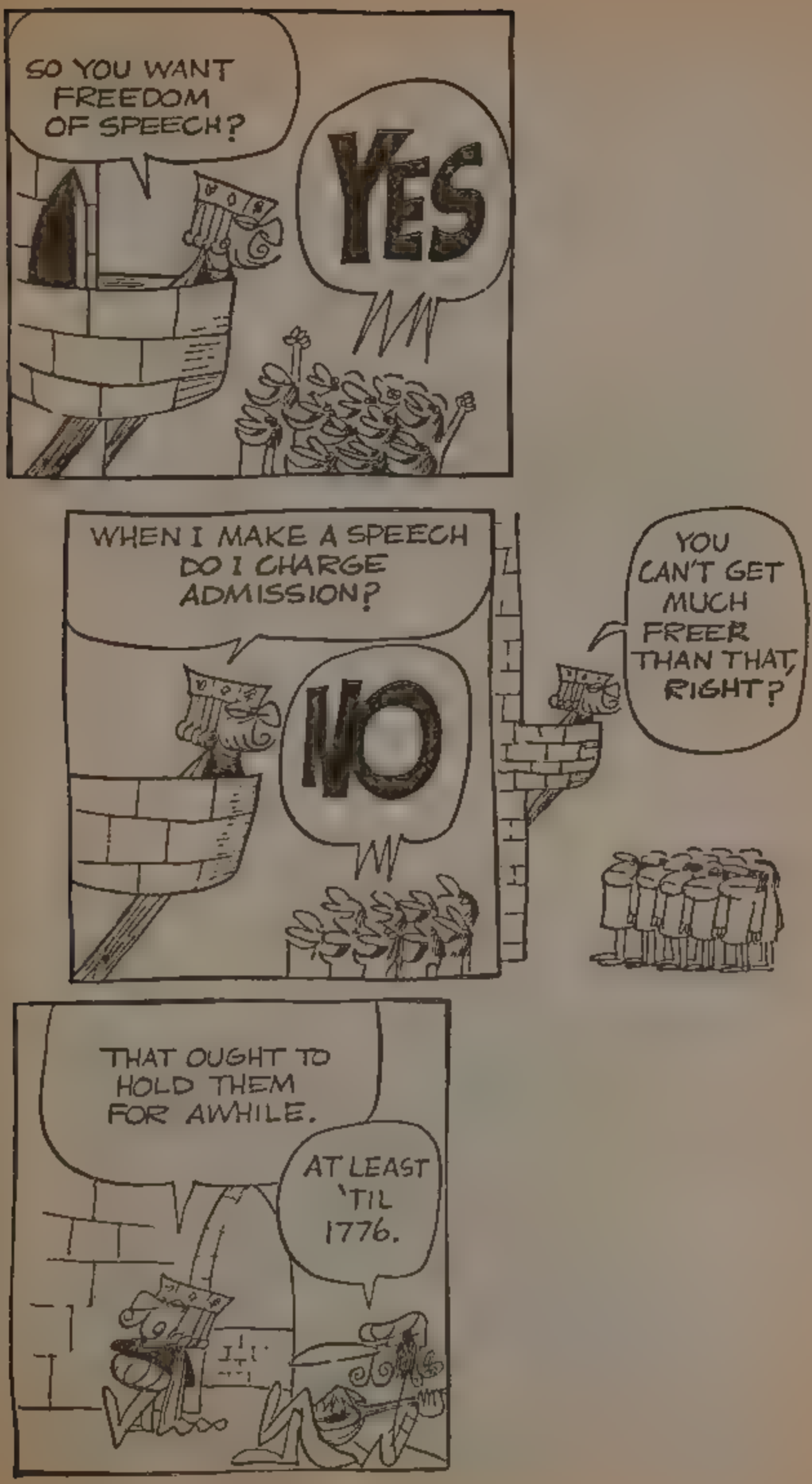
HAIL, HAIL, KING ...HAIL TO...

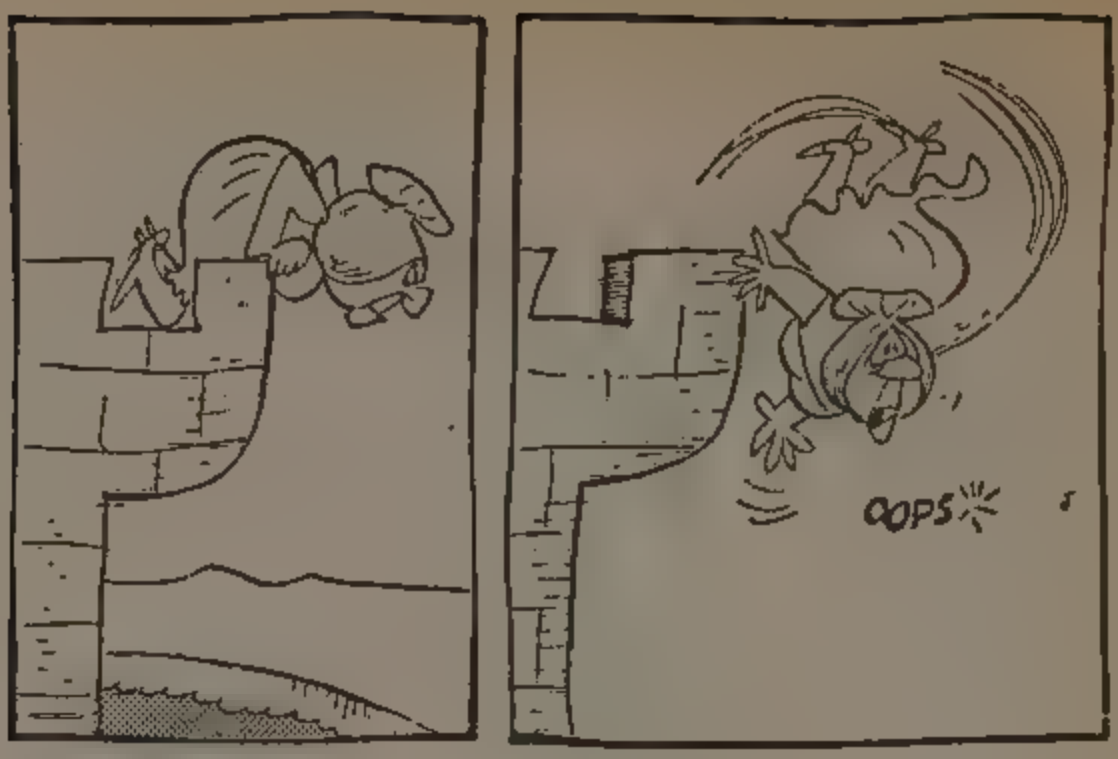

HEREAFTER, WE'LL STICK WITH 'LONG LIVE THE KING'.





BACK, YOU FOOLS, IT'S ME!


SO YOU WANT FREEDOM OF SPEECH?
YES
WHEN I MAKE A SPEECH DO I CHARGE ADMISSION?
NO
YOU CAN'T GET MUCH FREER THAN THAT, RIGHT?
THAT OUGHT TO HOLD THEM FOR AWHILE.
AT LEAST 'TIL 1776.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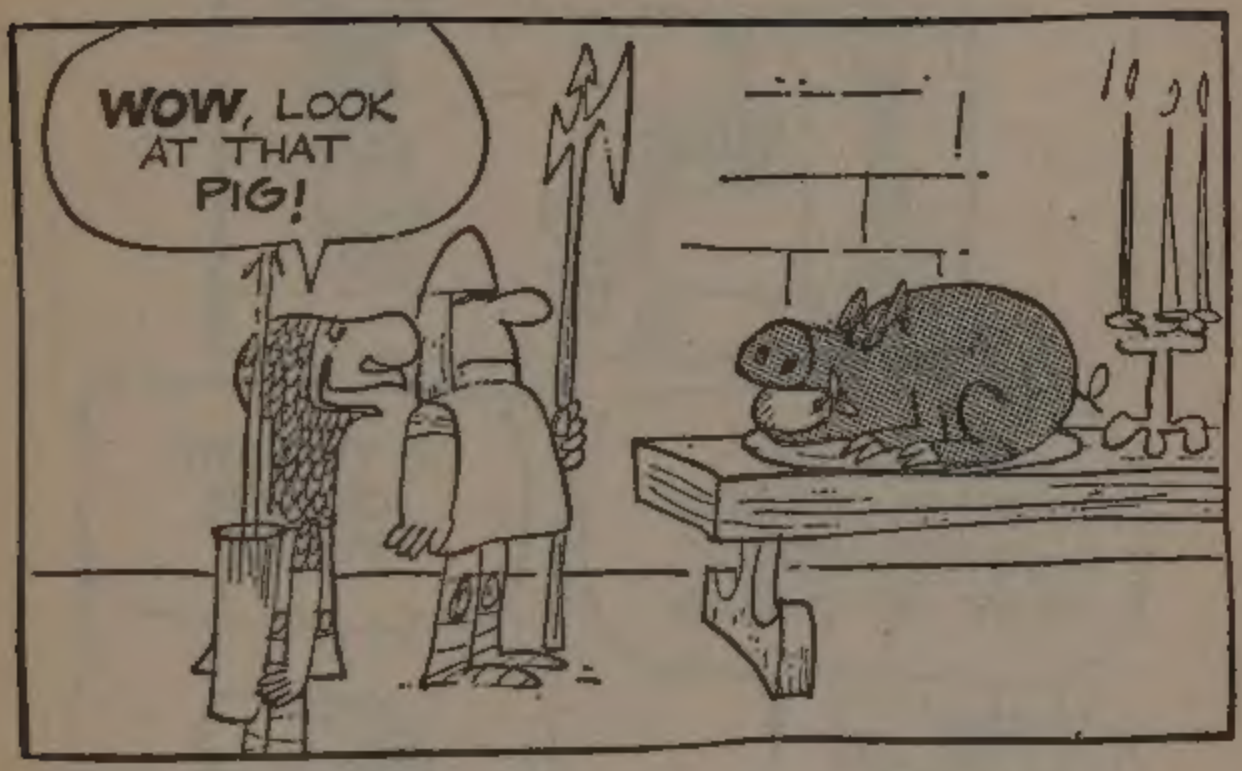

WOW, LOOK AT THAT PIG!

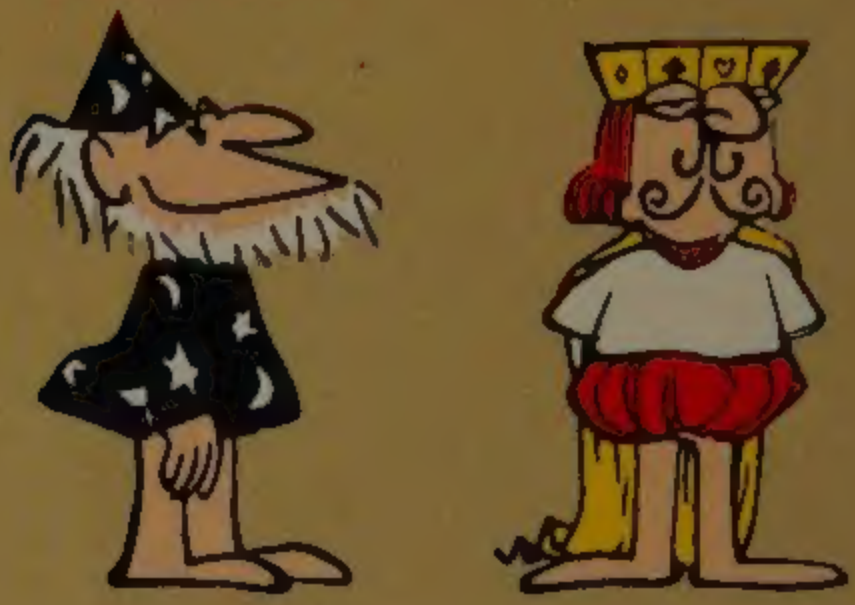
QUIET, YOU FOOL ...YOU WANT HIM TO HEAR YOU?

GO TELL MY SUBJECTS THAT THIS IS NATIONAL TRUTH WEEK...
...A WEEK IN WHICH EVERYONE SAYS PRECISELY WHAT HE THINKS.
IS THAT AN ORDER, FINK?

introducing...

WIZARD
AN ASSIDUOUS
STUDENT OF EVIL

KING ID
A TYRANT'S
TYRANT



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